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An experimental teleradiology transmission system using a high-speed ATM backbone network(高速・広帯域バックボーンネットワークを利用した遠隔画像伝送システム)

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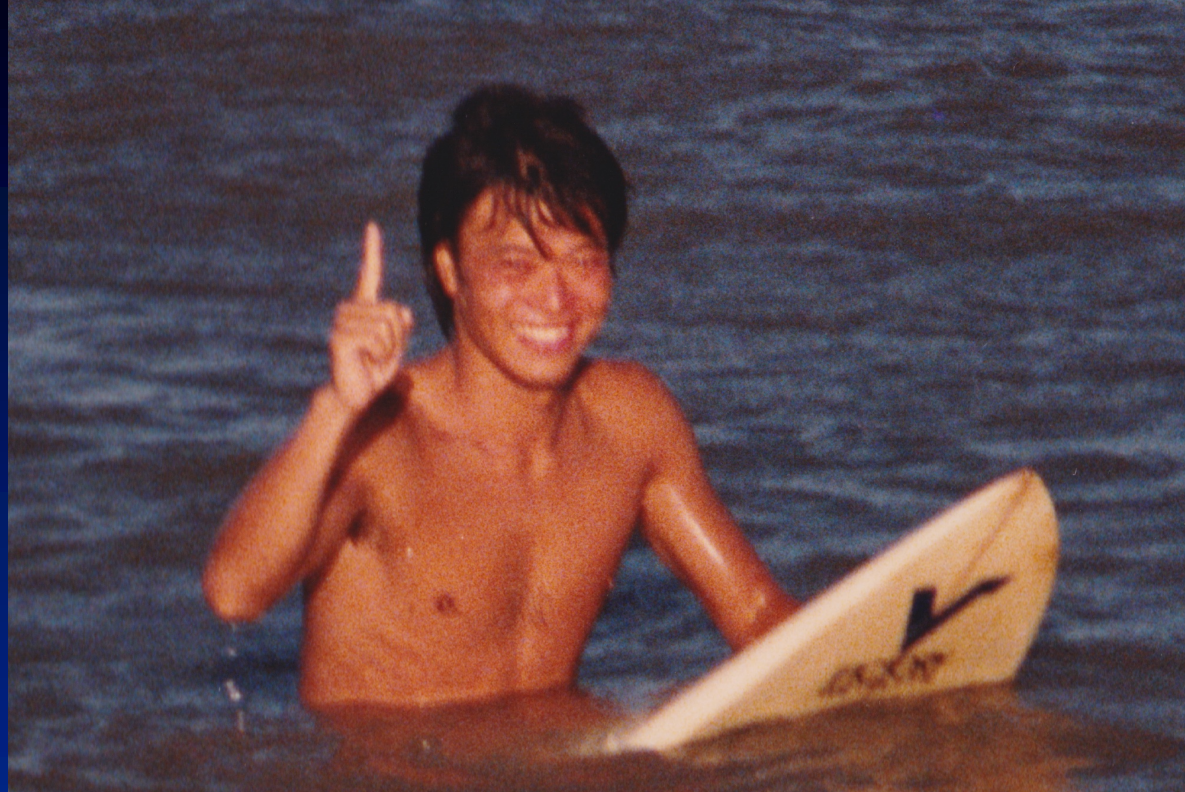
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骨シンチグラフィにおける膝蓋骨へのいわゆる正常集積の検討

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1. 緒 言

^{99m}Tc -MDP¹⁾ および ^{99m}Tc -HMDP²⁾ を用いた全身骨シンチグラフィは、癌の骨転移検索や骨、関節の退行性疾患の解析にも用いられている。骨シンチグラフィの集積は、加齢によって変化が見られるため、骨シンチグラフィ読影の際には性別、年齢を考慮することは临床上必要なことと考えられている。しかし、加齢に伴う骨シンチグラフィ集積の変化についての定量的な検討は十分とはいえない。今回われわれは膝蓋骨に注目し、性別および年齢別による集積程度の違いおよび左右差につき検討を行ったので報告する。

2. 対象ならびに方法

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膝蓋骨の集積の評価には、正面全身像を用い大腿骨骨幹部の集積の度合と比較した。集積の程度により大腿骨骨幹部より明らかに集積が亢進している群を“陽性”とし、それ以外を“陰性”の2群に分けた (Fig. 1)。判定は放射線科医2名が共同で行った。

3. 結 果

対象症例 828 例の性別は男性 508 例、女性 320 例であった。年齢別では、60 歳以上の男性が多い傾向がみられた (Table 1)。

男性、女性ともに膝蓋骨への集積は加齢により亢進した。男性において60歳以上の膝蓋骨への高集積率は 20 - 39 歳に比較して有意差をもって

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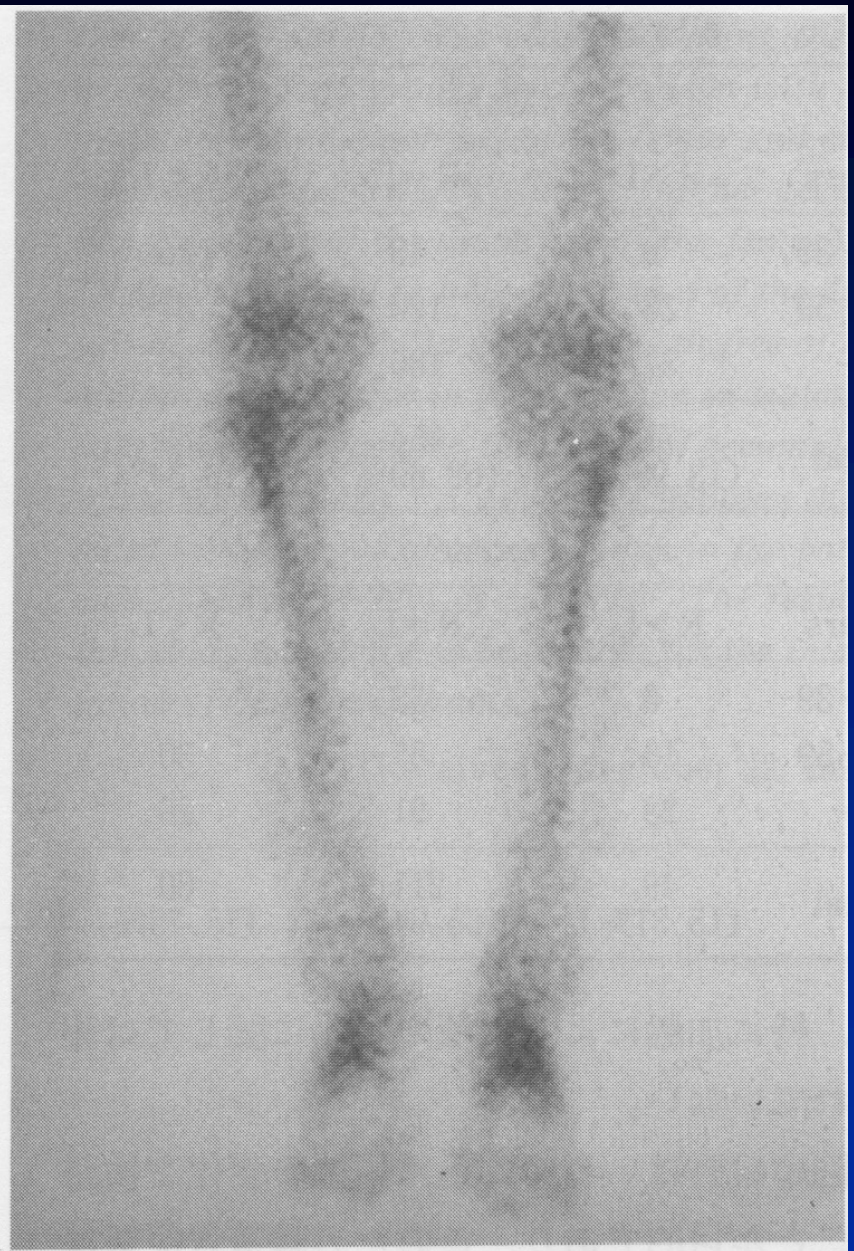
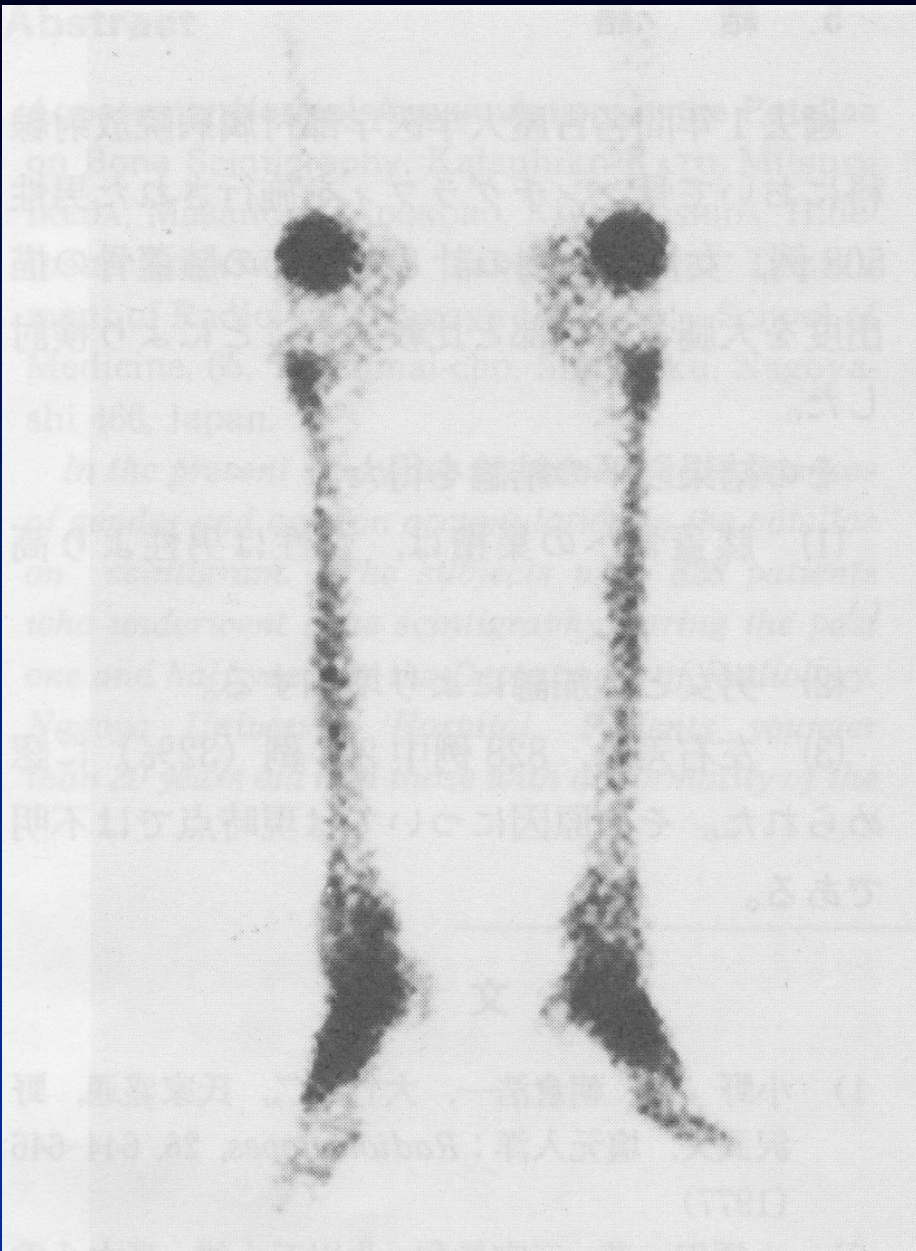


Fig. 1 "Positive" and "Negative" scintigraphy.

An experimental teleradiology transmission system using a high-speed ATM backbone network

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Summary

We evaluated the performance of an experimental teleradiology system based on a high-speed ATM backbone network. Image acquisition, transmission and the disk-to-display processing times were measured. Computerized tomography (CT) scans printed on 14 inch × 17 inch (36 cm × 43 cm) films were digitized and transferred over the network. The average time for the entire process was 1 min 30 s. Three radiologists interpreted 20 cases. For CT image interpretation, the reading time for one case ranged from 2 to 12 min (mean 6 min 46 s) on a monitor, and from 1 to 3 min (mean 1 min 31 s) with the original film. The ATM backbone network operating at 156 Mbit/s provided sufficient speed for remote consultation. However, further improvements in the operability of the system, especially the image viewing station, are necessary before it will be satisfactory for clinical use.

Introduction

Rapid advances in high-speed communications technology have made it possible to take advantage of multimedia (voice, data and image) communications in medicine. In order to develop new applications (different from those of the telephone era), the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT) has used high-speed ATM (asynchronous transfer mode) communications in a trial network (Fig 1). This provides a high-performance communications medium for medical image capture, data transmission and videoconferencing. We have evaluated the operability and clinical usefulness of an experimental teleradiology system based on the trial network.

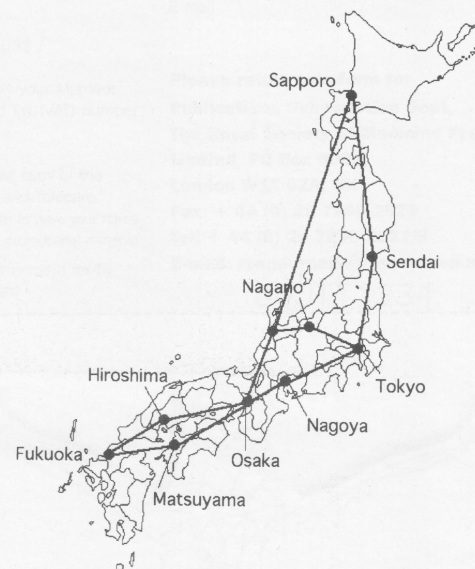


Fig 1 The site of the NTT high-speed, broadband backbone network in Japan.

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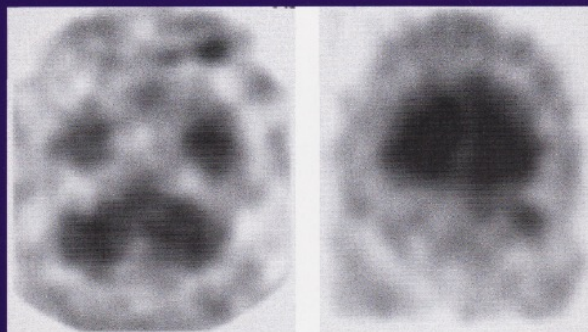


Fig. 1

Question:

^{123}I -IMP scintigram at delayed image (24 hr) from a 69-year-old male with impairment of visual acuity of the left eye (Fig. 1, left, axial image, right, coronal image). Examination of the fundus of the left eye revealed a tumor (4.4 × 7 mm). What is the diagnosis? (See p. 612)



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Uveal malignant melanoma

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A 69-year-old male had noticed progressive impairment of visual acuity of the left eye. Examination of the fundus of the left eye revealed a tumor (4.4 × 7 mm). CT showed a mass in the left eye (Fig. 2). MRI showed a high intensity area on T1 weighted images and low intensity area on T2 weighted images in the left eye (Fig. 3). Scintigraphy with ¹²³I-IMP obtained at 24 hr after intravenous administration of ¹²³I-IMP delineated an area of increased uptake in the site corresponding to the left eye tumor (Fig. 1). From this finding the tumor was diagnosed as an uveal malignant melanoma. Later, laser photocoagulation therapy was performed to the tumor, but the follow-up ¹²³I-IMP scintigraphy showed a residual tumor (Fig. 4, left, axial image, right, coronal image).

¹²³I-IMP distributes in regions of melanin production, and therefore has been used in an attempt to detect malignant melanoma.¹⁻³ The accumulation of ¹²³I-IMP in malignant melanoma tissue is apparent not in the early image, but in the delayed image. It has been reported that melanoma lesions are best visualized at 16–24 hr.¹⁻³

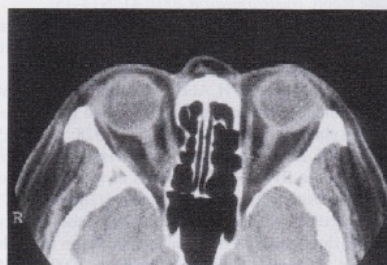


Fig. 2

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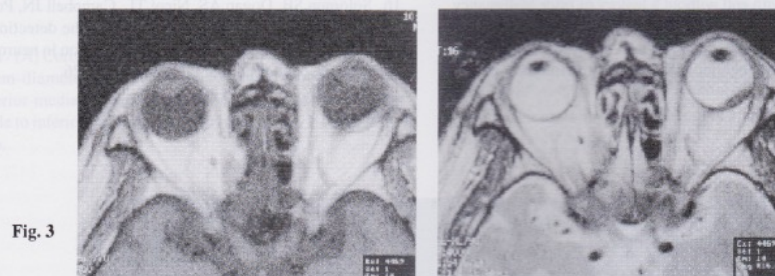


Fig. 3

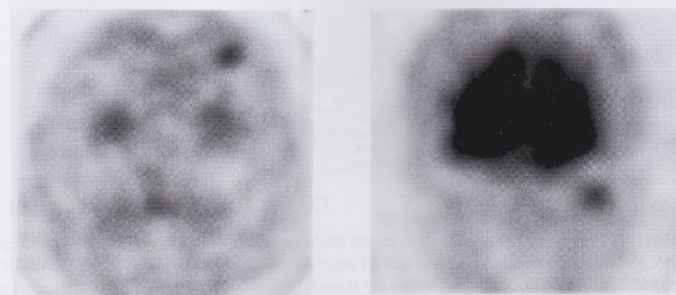


Fig. 4



Low Efficacy of ^{18}F -FDG PET for Detection of Uveal Malignant Melanoma Compared with ^{123}I -IMP SPECT

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Earlier investigations showed that *N*-isopropyl- p - ^{123}I -iodoamphetamine SPECT (^{123}I -IMP SPECT) is useful for the diagnosis of uveal malignant melanoma, whereas the feasibility and usefulness of ^{18}F -FDG PET in uveal malignant melanoma have not yet been established. We compared the usefulness of ^{123}I -IMP SPECT and ^{18}F -FDG PET for the detection of uveal malignant melanoma on the same subjects. **Methods:** Nineteen patients (10 men, 9 women) with suspected uveal malignant melanoma were examined by ^{123}I -IMP SPECT. Thirteen of them were also examined by ^{18}F -FDG PET. ^{123}I -IMP SPECT was performed at 15 min or at 3 and 24 h after intravenous administration of ^{123}I -IMP. **Results:** In 12 of 19 study patients, ^{123}I -IMP SPECT obtained at 24 h after intravenous administration of ^{123}I -IMP delineated an area of increased uptake in the site corresponding to the ocular tumor. All of the ocular tumors in the 12 ^{123}I -IMP SPECT-positive patients were confirmed histopathologically and clinically to be uveal malignant melanoma. The other 7 ^{123}I -IMP-SPECT-negative patients have been monitored under the diagnosis of choroidal nevus, choroidal hemangioma, hyperplasia of the pigment epithelium of the retina, or idiopathic inflammatory lesions without any complications. In a total of 13 patients examined by ^{18}F -FDG PET, 9 of whom were ^{123}I -IMP SPECT positive and 4 were negative, only 1 patient showed abnormal uptake of ^{18}F -FDG PET in the site corresponding to the ocular tumor. Therefore, 8 of 9 patients with uveal malignant melanoma showed false-negative results in ^{18}F -FDG PET. The ^{18}F -FDG PET-positive patient with uveal malignant melanoma had the largest tumor mass with a short diameter of 12 mm, a long diameter of 17 mm, and a height of 7 mm. In the other 8 ^{18}F -FDG PET-negative patients, the tumors had a dimension of $11 \times 13 \times 7$ mm or less. **Conclusion:** ^{123}I -IMP SPECT is a sensitive and accurate method for the detection of uveal malignant melanoma, whereas the efficacy of ^{18}F -FDG PET for this purpose is low because of a high incidence of false-negative results. ^{123}I -

IMP SPECT is far more superior in comparison with ^{18}F -FDG PET in detecting uveal malignant melanoma.

Key Words: uveal malignant melanoma; ^{123}I -IMP SPECT; ^{18}F -FDG PET

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Uveal melanoma, which is the most common primary intraocular malignant neoplasm in adults (1), has been reported to occur in 6–7 cases per million in caucasians (1–3) or 4.3 cases per million in the United States, most of which occurred in the white population (4). In contrast, the annual incidence of uveal melanoma in Japan was 0.25 per million (5).

It was shown that the typical uveal melanoma signal in MRI was found in 69.4% (6). It was also shown that contrast CT could diagnose uveal melanoma in 75% of patients with 2.5- and 3-mm prominence, whereas in the noncontrast CT it was only evident in 34% (7).

A number of earlier reports showed that *N*-isopropyl- p - ^{123}I -iodoamphetamine (^{123}I -IMP) scintigraphy was useful for the detection of primary and metastatic lesions of cutaneous malignant melanoma (8–14). Moreover, ^{123}I -IMP scintigraphy has been shown to be useful also for the detection of uveal malignant melanoma (15–18). These studies, except for 1 study reported in 1988 (15), were the results of imaging using ^{123}I -IMP SPECT (16–18). ^{123}I -IMP is incorporated into melanocytes actively producing melanin.

On the other hand, according to more recent studies, ^{18}F -FDG PET does not seem to be sensitive enough for the diagnosis of uveal malignant melanoma (19–21), despite the fact that it is a sensitive and accurate method for detecting primary and metastatic lesions of cutaneous malignant melanoma (22–28). The reason for this discrepancy in the efficacies of ^{18}F -FDG PET for the detection of cutaneous and uveal malignant melanomas has not yet been elucidated.

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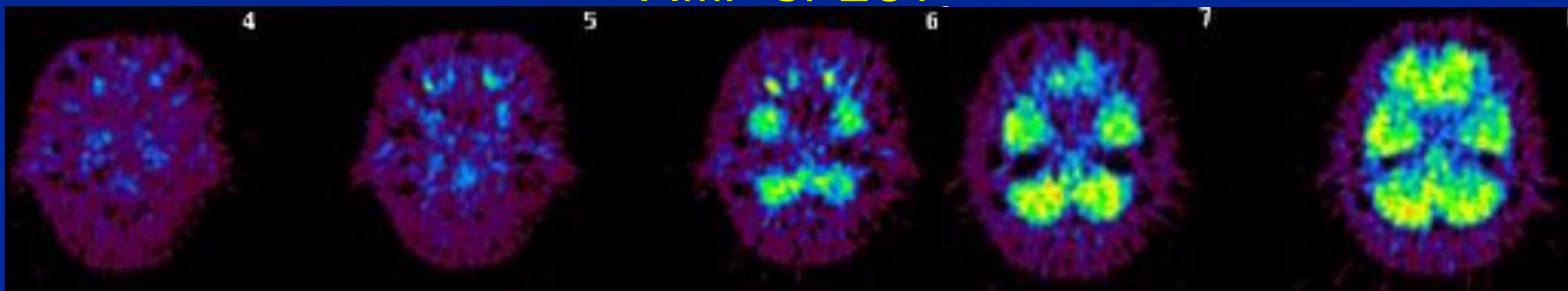
MRI T1強調像



T2強調像



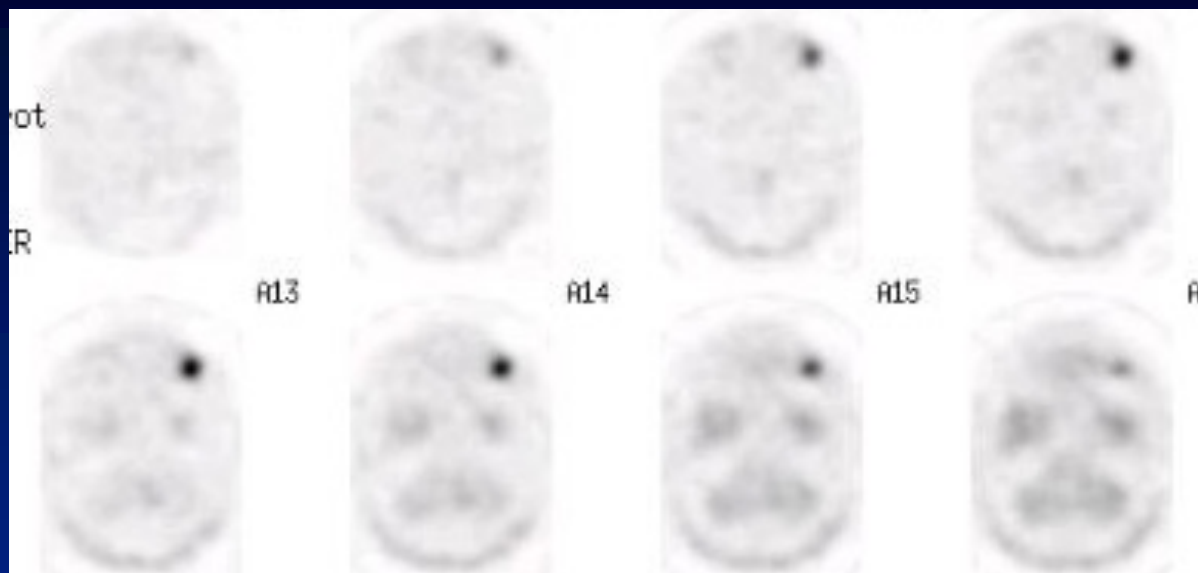
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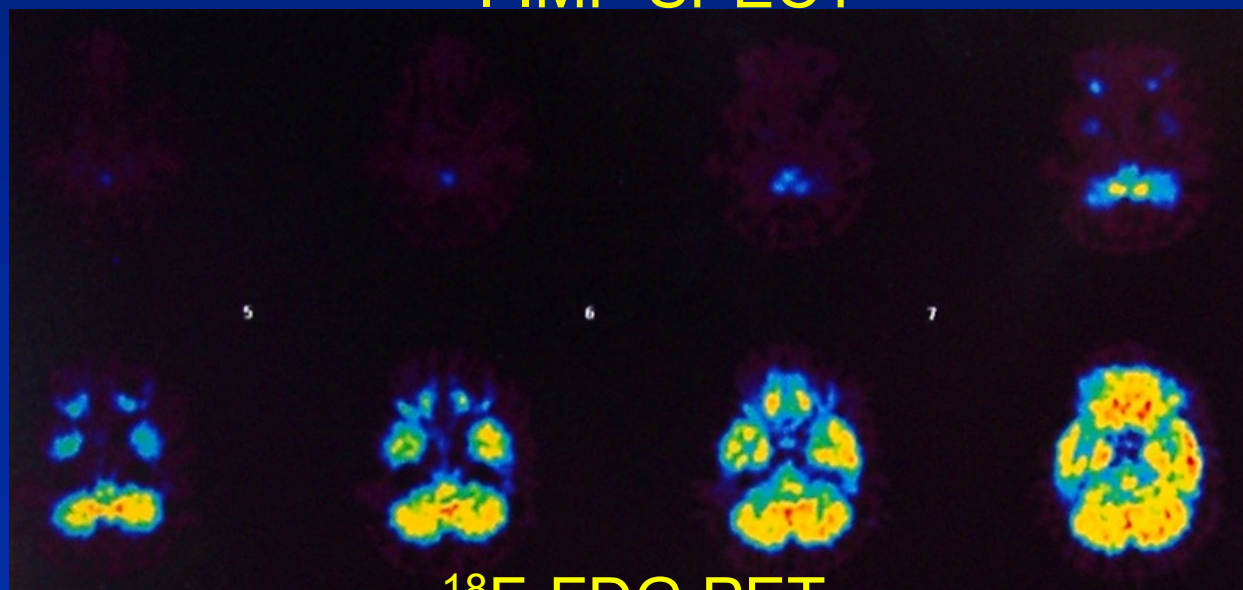
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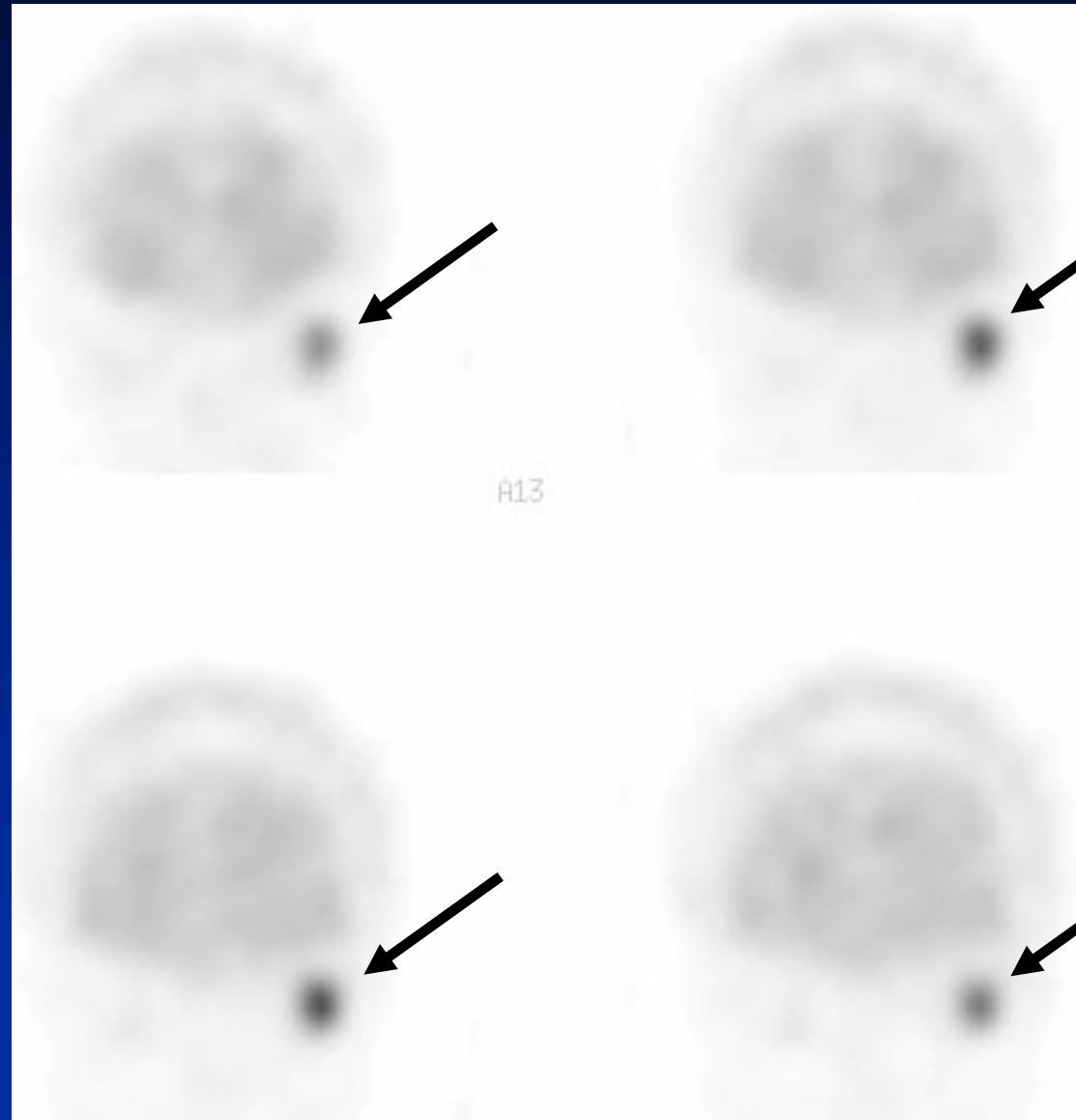
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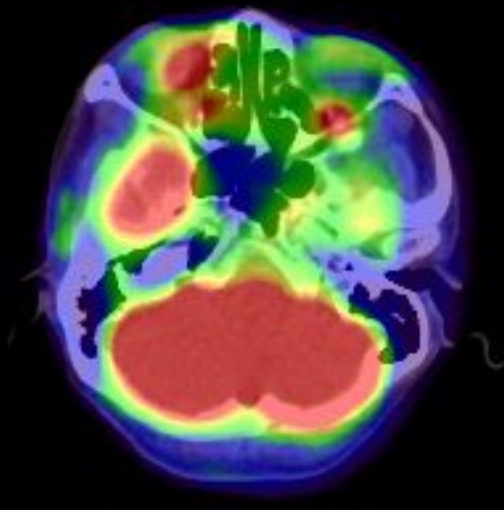
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Images of left choroidal melanoma (62-y-old woman) ^{123}I -IMP (N-isopropyl-p-(^{123}I) iodoamphetamine) SPECT



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^{18}F -FDG PET/CT



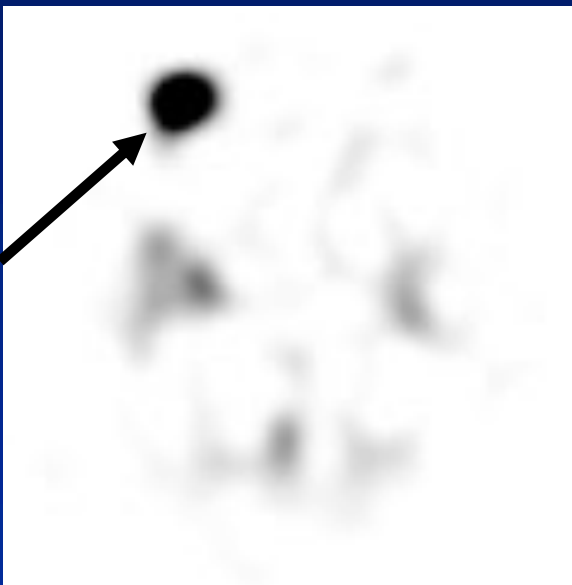
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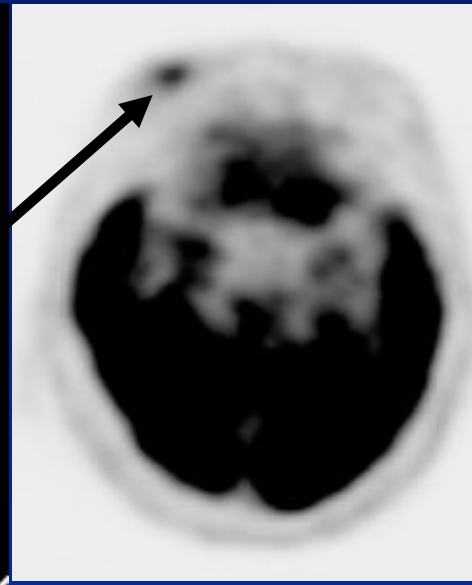
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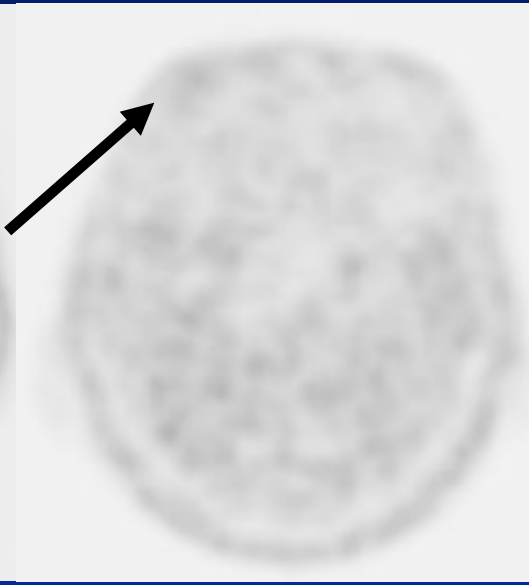
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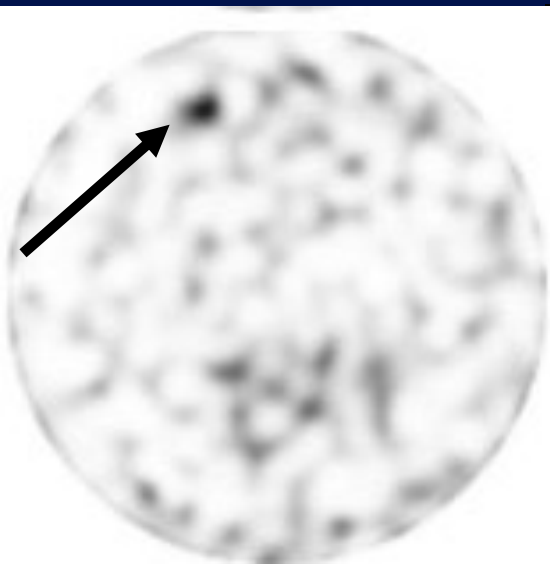
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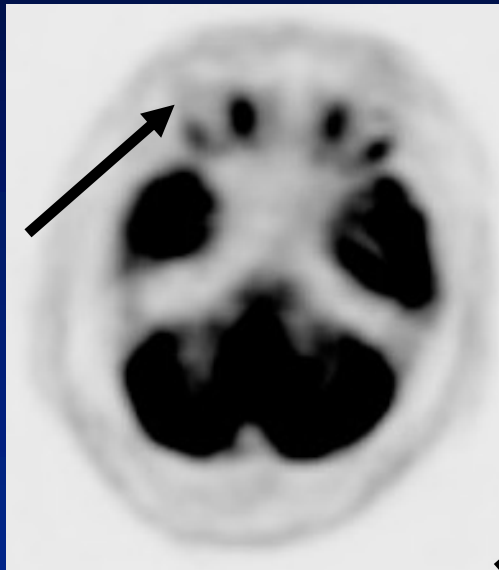
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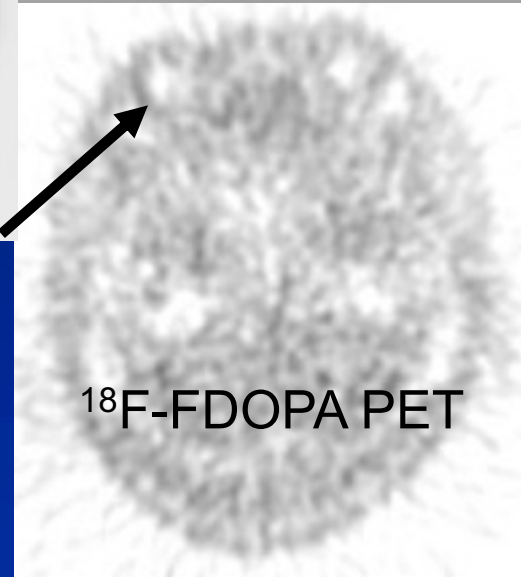
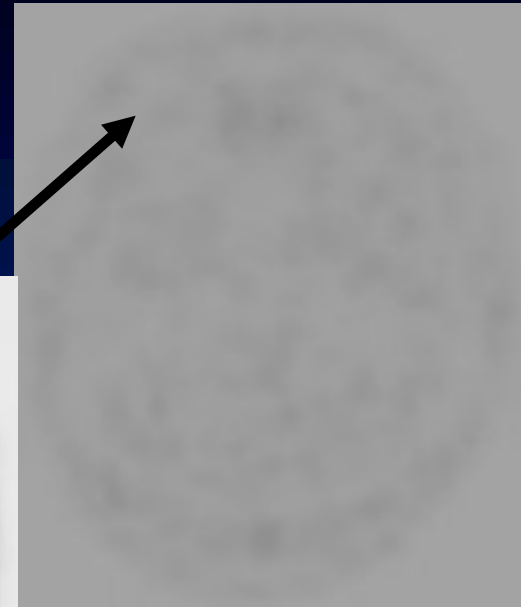
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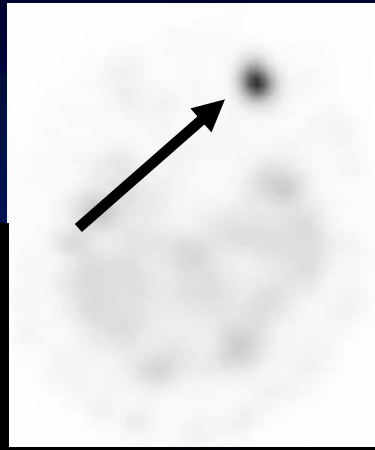


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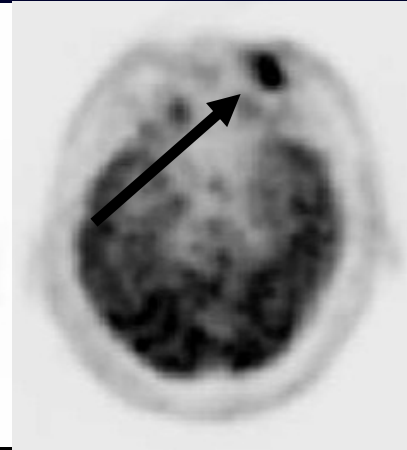
**Fig. 5. Images of choroidal melanoma
($6.9 \times 6.9 \times 4.4\text{mm}$) in Case 5.**



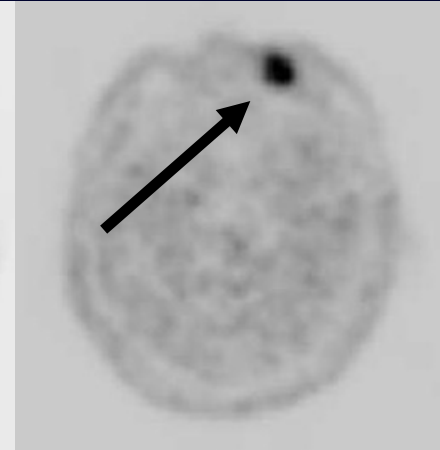
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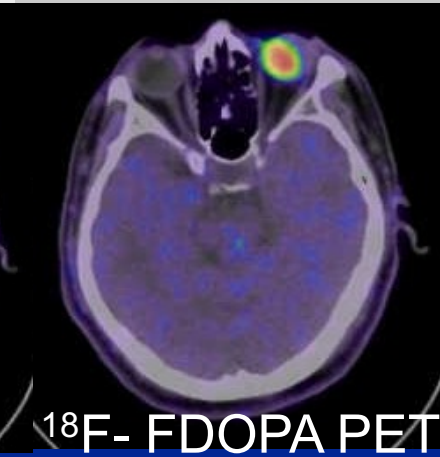
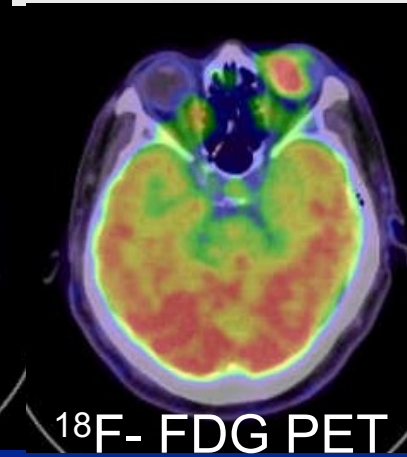
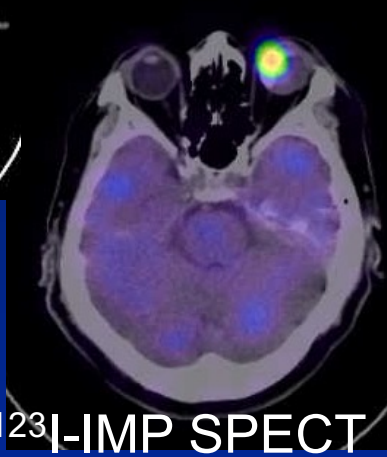


Fig. 6. Images of choroidal malignant melanoma ($20 \times 19 \times 13\text{mm}$) in Case 38.



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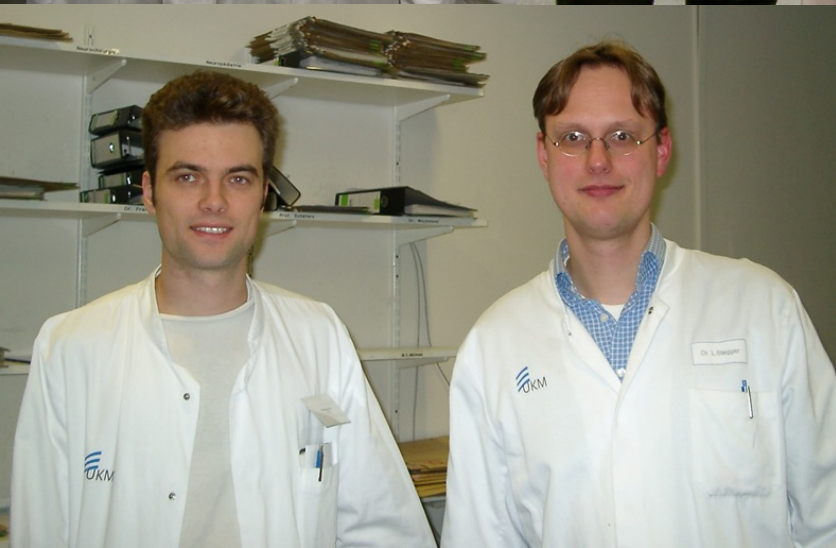
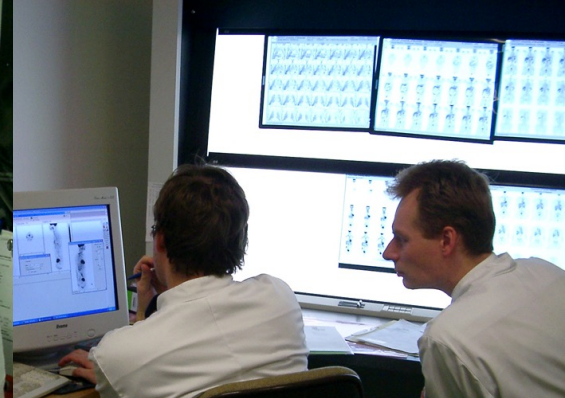
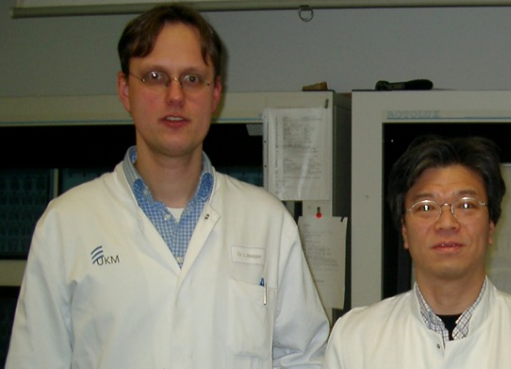




Fig. 2 ^{11}C -choline PET/CT images of the aortic arch of a 69-year-old male patient: (a) CT image, (b) fused PET/CT image, (c) PET image. ^{11}C -choline uptake geographically coincides with calcification (arrows calcification site)



Fig. 3 ^{11}C -choline PET/CT images of aortic the arch of a 60-year-old male patient: (a) CT image, (b) fused PET/CT image, (c) PET image. ^{11}C -choline uptake does not coincide with calcification. (arrows calcification site)



Evaluation and comparison of ^{11}C -choline uptake and calcification in aortic and common carotid arterial walls with combined PET/CT

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Abstract

Purpose Inflamed atherosclerotic plaques may rupture and cause acute myocardial infarction, stroke and other thrombotic events. Early detection of these unstable plaques could, in many cases, prevent such potentially fatal events. ^{11}C -choline or ^{18}F -labelled choline derivatives for visualizing the synthesis of phospholipids, are promising markers of plaque inflammation with potential advantages over ^{18}F -FDG. Their potential for plaque characterization in humans is, however, unclear. In this study the prevalence and distribution of ^{11}C -choline uptake in the aortic and common carotid arterial walls of elderly male patients was evaluated with combined PET/CT. Additionally, the localization of radiotracer uptake and calcification was correlated in various vessel segments.

Methods Image data from 93 consecutive male patients between 60 and 80 years old who had undergone whole-

body ^{11}C -choline PET/CT assessment for prostate cancer were evaluated retrospectively. ^{11}C -choline uptake and calcification were analysed qualitatively and semiquantitatively and compared.

Results ^{11}C -choline uptake was found in 95% of patients, calcification in 94% throughout all vessel segments. In 6% of the patients radiotracer uptake was colocalized with calcifications, whereas less than 1% of calcification sites showed increased radiotracer uptake.

Conclusion Both ^{11}C -choline uptake and calcification in the aortic and common carotid arterial walls are common in elderly men. Radiotracer uptake and calcification are, however, only rarely colocalized. ^{11}C -choline has the potential to provide information about atherosclerotic plaques independent of calcification measurement.

Keywords Plaque · Atherosclerosis · Inflammation · Calcification · Positron emission tomography · Computed tomography · PET · PET/CT · ^{11}C -choline

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Introduction

Atherosclerotic plaques in coronary, carotid and other arteries can rupture and lead to myocardial infarction, stroke or other thrombotic events. Aggressive risk factor modification and pharmacological treatment with 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitors (“statins”) can stabilize plaques [1].

Several pathophysiological mechanisms such as inflammation, apoptosis and matrix degradation are implicated in plaque formation and rupture and may be imaged by molecular imaging technologies such as positron emission tomography (PET) whereas vessel calcification, a structural



Evaluation of ^{11}C -choline or ^{18}F -FDG Uptake and Arterial Wall Calcifications at PET/CT

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Conclusion

In both ^{11}C -choline uptake and ^{18}F -FDG uptake at PET/CT, the area of uptake disagrees mostly with the area of calcifications of the arterial wall. Rate of ^{18}F -FDG uptake is relatively high as compared with that of ^{11}C -choline uptake. The relationship between the area of ^{11}C -choline or ^{18}F -FDG uptake and the area of atherosclerosis and the following pathological changes has to be determined.



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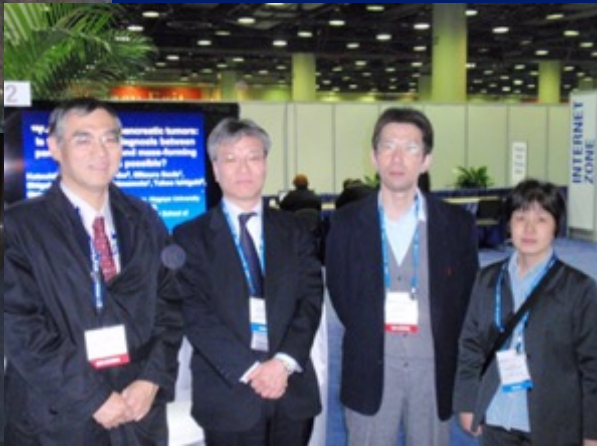
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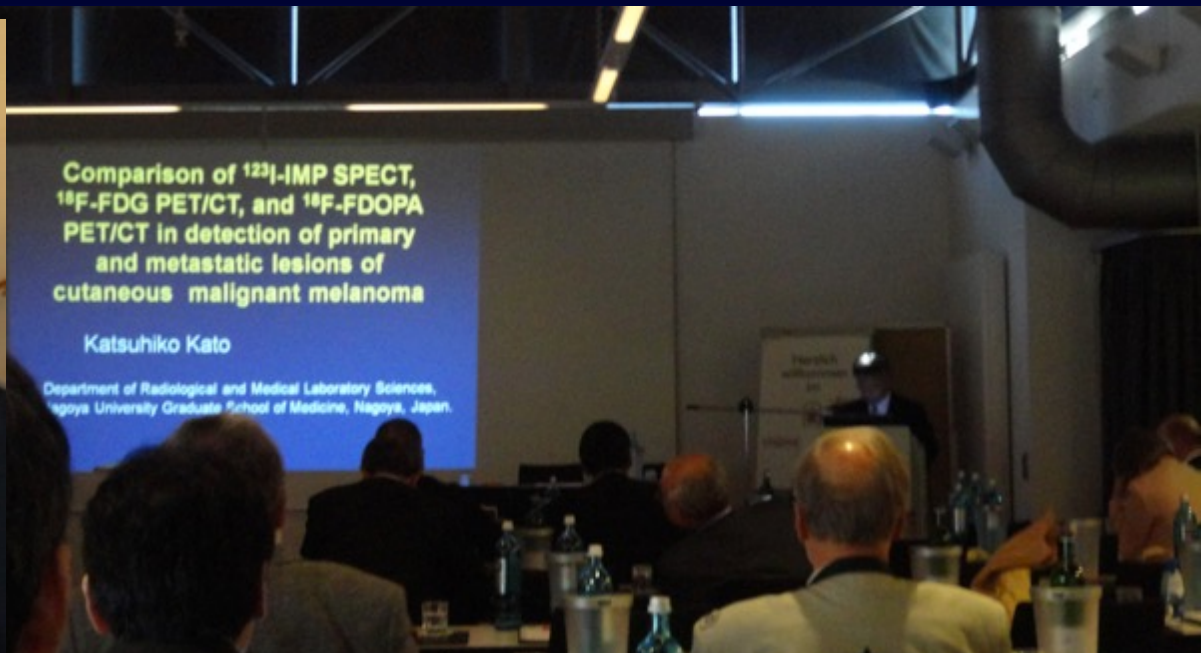
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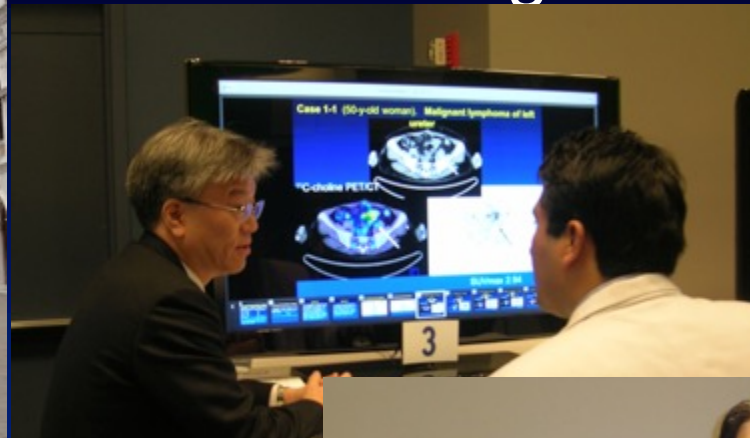
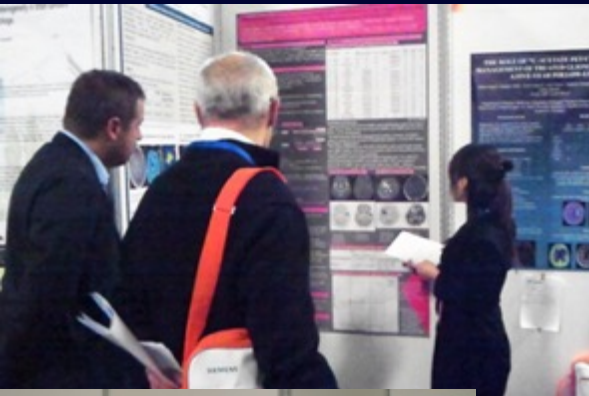
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We compared the efficacies of ^{18}F -FDG PET and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy for the detection of bone metastases in patients with differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC). **Methods:** We examined 47 patients (32 women, 15 men; mean age \pm SD, 57.0 ± 10.7 y) with DTC who had undergone total thyroidectomy and were hospitalized to be given ^{131}I therapy. All patients underwent both whole-body ^{18}F -FDG PET and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy. The skeletal system was classified into 11 anatomic segments and assessed for the presence of bone metastases. Bone metastases were verified either when positive findings were obtained on >2 imaging modalities— ^{201}Tl scintigraphy, ^{131}I scintigraphy, and CT—or when MRI findings were positive if vertebral MRI was performed. **Results:** Bone metastases were confirmed in 59 of 517 (11%) segments in 18 (38%) of the 47 study patients. The sensitivities (visualization rate) for bone metastases on a segment basis using ^{18}F -FDG PET and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy were 50 of 59 (84.7%) and 46 of 59 (78.0%), respectively; the difference between these values was not statistically significant. There were only 2 (0.4%) false-positive cases in a total of 451 bone segments without bone metastases when examined by ^{18}F -FDG PET, whereas 39 (8.6%) were false-positive when examined by $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy. Therefore, the specificities of ^{18}F -FDG PET and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy were 449 of 451 (99.6%) and 412 of 451 (91.4%), respectively; the difference between these values was statistically significant ($P < 0.001$). The overall accuracies of ^{18}F -FDG PET and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy were 499 of 510 (97.8%) and 458 of 510 (89.8%), respectively; the difference between these was also statistically significant ($P < 0.001$). **Conclusion:** The specificity of bone metastases in patients with DTC are higher than those of $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy, whereas the difference in the sensitivities of both modalities is not statistically significant. In comparison with $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy, ^{18}F -FDG PET is superior because of its lower incidence of false-positive results in the detection of bone metastases of DTC.

Key Words: bone metastases; differentiated thyroid carcinoma; $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy; ^{18}F -FDG PET

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Skeletal imaging by ^{18}F -FDG PET has been shown to be useful in the detection of bone metastases of breast (1–6), lung (1,4,7,8), thyroid (4), esophageal (4,9), gastric (4), colorectal (4), endemic nasopharyngeal (10), renal cell (11), prostate (1), ovarian (4), and testicular (4) carcinomas. In most of these studies, ^{18}F -FDG PET was proven to be superior to conventional scintigraphic imaging using $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -labeled phosphate compounds ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -methylene diphosphonate [$^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MDP] or $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -hydroxymethylene diphosphonate [$^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -HMDP]). For the detection and evaluation of bone metastases of various kinds of carcinomas, $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy has been used widely because of its overall high sensitivity and the easy evaluation of the entire skeleton (12). However, $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone scintigraphy leads often to false-positive lesions and, consequently, its specificity is reduced, because degenerative or inflammatory foci will be often confused with metastatic diseases.

Differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) papillary and follicular is characterized by good prognosis in comparison with carcinomas of other organs. The 10-y survival rate of DTC is $>80\%$ because of treatments such as total thyroidectomy and ablation of remnants with radioiodine (13). However, metastases of thyroid carcinoma develop in 7%–23% of patients; the distant metastases occur commonly in the lungs, bones, and brain, and bones are the second common site of metastases from thyroid carcinoma (14).

Several earlier reports showed that ^{18}F -FDG PET is highly sensitive in detecting DTC and is particularly useful for the evaluation of patients with negative radioactive iodine scintigraphy and elevated thyroglobulin levels (15–20). For the detection of bone metastases of thyroid

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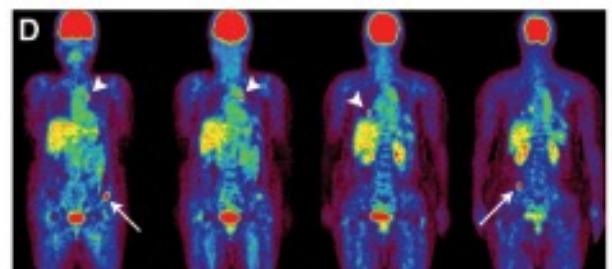
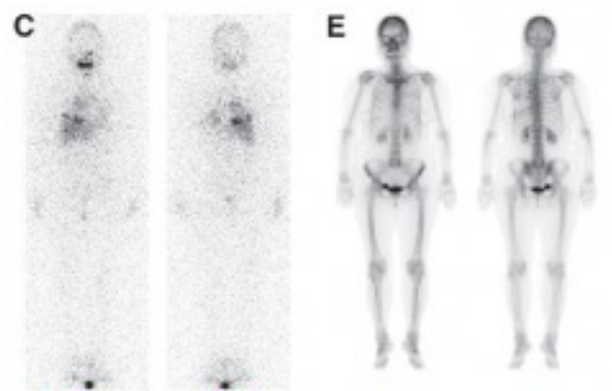
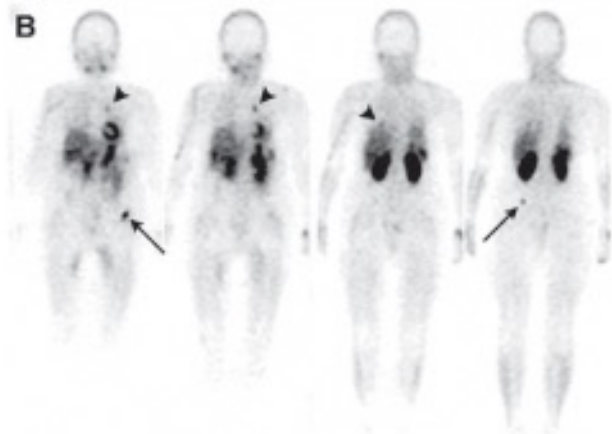
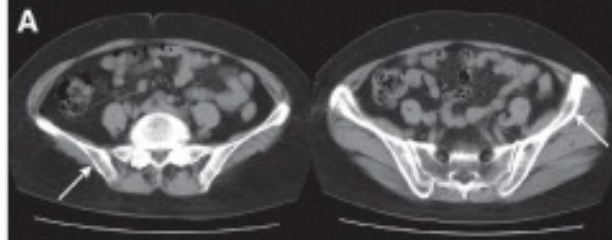


FIGURE 2. In this patient, there were multiple lung metastases besides bone metastases. (A) CT scan shows osteolytic lesions on both sides of iliac bones (arrows). (B) ^{201}Tl SPECT image

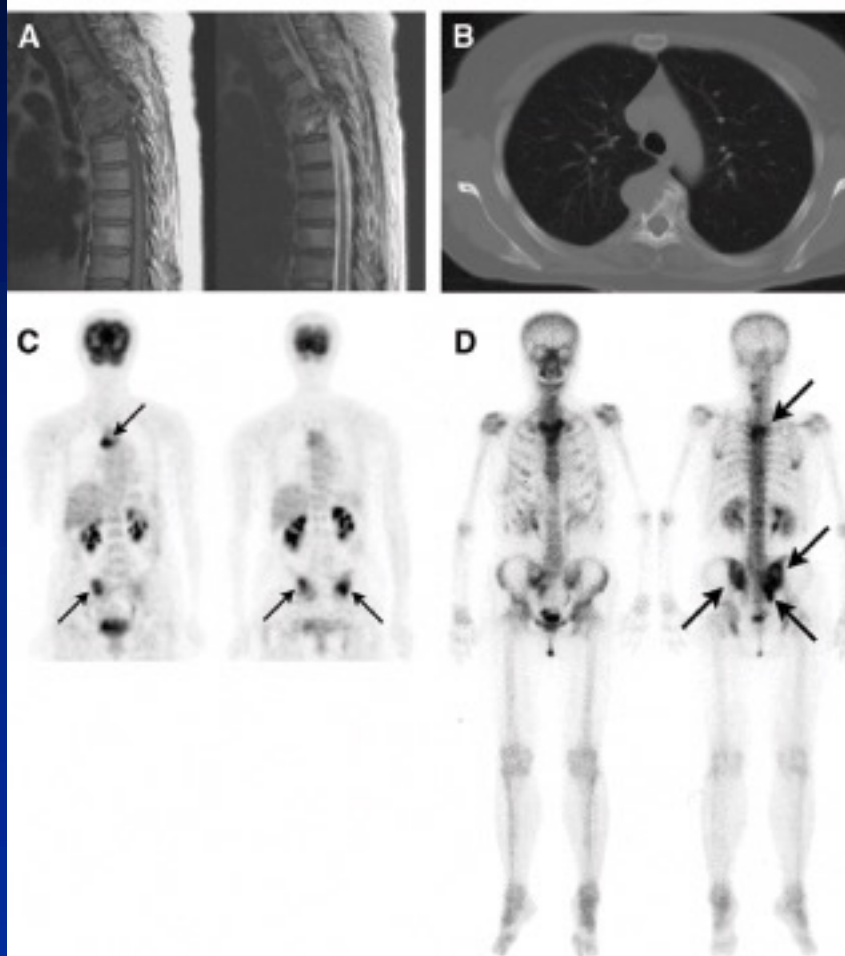


FIGURE 1. (A) T1-weighted MR image (left) shows massive lesion of low signal intensity, and T2-weighted MR image (right) shows lesion of high signal intensity. (B) CT scan shows osteolytic changes at thoracic spine (T4-T5). (C and D) ^{18}F -FDG PET coronal image (C) and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -bone whole-body scintigram (D) show high uptakes at thoracic spine (T4-T5), sacrum, and iliac bones (arrows).



TABLE 3

Sensitivity, Specificity, and Overall Accuracy of ^{18}F -FDG PET and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -Bone Scintigraphy in Detection of Bone Metastases in Patients with DTC

Parameter	^{18}F -FDG PET	$^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -Bone scintigraphy	<i>P</i>
Sensitivity (%)	50/59 (84.7)	46/59 (78.0)	0.45*
Specificity (%)	449/451 (99.6)	412/451 (91.4)	<0.001
Accuracy (%)	449/510 (97.8)	458/510 (89.8)	<0.001

*Not significant.

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Comparison of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT, ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and bone scintigraphy (planar and SPECT) in detection of bone metastases of differentiated thyroid cancer: a pilot study

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Objective: We compared the efficacies of ^{18}F -fluoride positron emission tomography (^{18}F -fluoride PET)/CT, ^{18}F -fluorodeoxyglucose PET (^{18}F -FDG PET)/CT, and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy [planar and single photon emission CT (SPECT)] for the detection of bone metastases in patients with differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC).

Methods: We examined 11 patients (8 females and 3 males; mean age \pm standard deviation, 61.9 ± 8.7 years) with DTC who had been suspected of having bone metastases after total thyroidectomy and were hospitalized to be given ^{131}I therapy. Bone metastases were verified either when positive findings were obtained on both ^{131}I scintigraphy and CT or when MRI findings were positive if MRI was performed.

Results: Metastases were confirmed in 24 (13.6%) of 176 bone segments in 9 (81.8%) of the 11 patients. The sensitivities of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (SPECT)

were significantly higher than those of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar) ($p < 0.05$). The accuracies of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (SPECT) were significantly higher than that of $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar) ($p < 0.05$).

Conclusion: The sensitivity and accuracy of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT for the detection of bone metastases of DTC are significantly higher than those of $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar). However, the sensitivity and accuracy of $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar) are improved near to those of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT when SPECT is added to a planar scan. The sensitivity of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT is significantly lower than that of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT or $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (SPECT).

Advances in knowledge: This article has demonstrated first the high efficacy of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT for the detection of bone metastases of DTC.

Differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) shows a relatively good prognosis compared with carcinomas of other organs, and the 10-year survival rate of DTC is $>80\%$ because of treatments such as total thyroidectomy and ablation of remnants with radioiodine.¹ However, metastases of DTC develop in 7–23% of patients; the distant metastases occur commonly in the lungs, bones and brain, and the bones are the second most common site of metastases of DTC.² Bone scintigraphy using $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -labelled phosphate compounds [$^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -methylene diphosphonate ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MDP) or $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -hydroxymethylene diphosphonate ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -HMDP)] has been widely used for detecting and evaluating bone metastases of various kinds of carcinomas because of its overall high sensitivity and the easy evaluation of the entire skeleton.³ However, there were often false-positive cases in $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$

bone scintigraphy, because degenerative or inflammatory foci were often confused with metastatic lesions. The addition of single photon emission CT (SPECT) to planar acquisition of $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy has been shown to exhibit a beneficial effect on the detection and evaluation of bone metastases.^{4–6} Skeletal imaging by ^{18}F -fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography (^{18}F -FDG PET)/CT has been shown to be useful in the detection of bone metastases of various carcinomas including DTC.⁷

Previously, we compared the efficacies of ^{18}F -FDG PET and planar $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy for the detection of bone metastases in patients with DTC.⁸ We found that the specificity and the overall accuracy of ^{18}F -FDG PET for the detection of bone metastases in patients with DTC were





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Figure 1. Multiple bone metastases in Patient 5. (a) From left to right: ^{123}I scintigraphy, ^{18}F -fluoride positron emission tomography (^{18}F -fluoride PET)/CT, ^{18}F -fluorodeoxyglucose PET (^{18}F -FDG PET)/CT, and anterior and posterior planar bone scintigraphies. Bone metastases at left pelvis and thoracic spine could be detected by all four modalities. (b, c) From left to right (metastases are marked by arrows): ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT, ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and single photon emission CT (SPECT) bone scintigraphy. (b) Bone metastasis at right clavicle could be detected by ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT and SPECT bone scintigraphy, but not by ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT. (c) Bone metastasis at left scapula could be detected by ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT, but not by ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and SPECT bone scintigraphy.

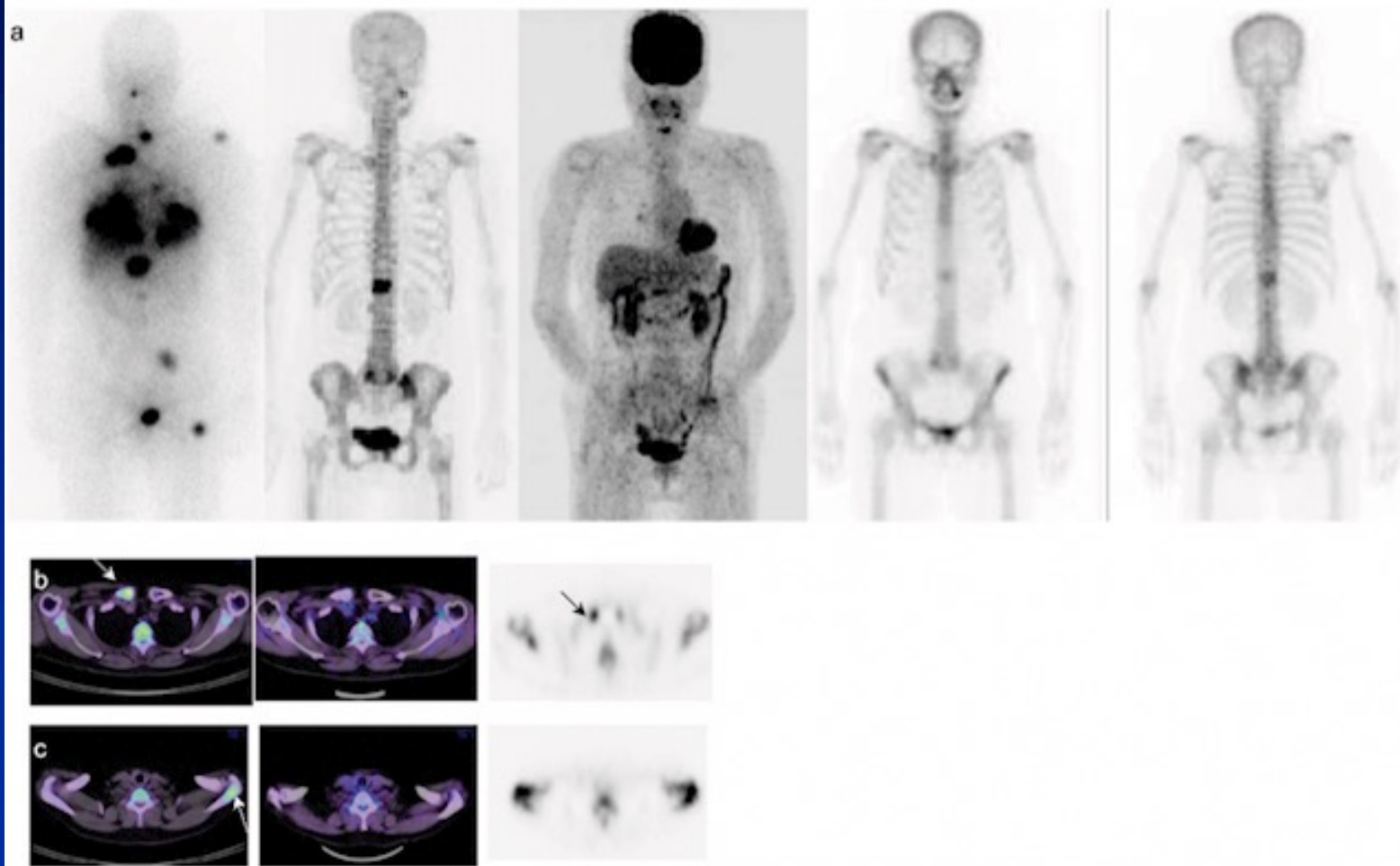




Table 3. Sensitivity, specificity and overall accuracy of ^{18}F -fluoride positron emission tomography (^{18}F -fluoride PET)/CT, ^{18}F -fluorodeoxyglucose PET (^{18}F -FDG PET)/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy [planar and single photon emission CT (SPECT)] in detection of bone metastases in patients with differentiated thyroid carcinoma (lesion based)

Parameter	^{18}F -fluoride PET/ CT	^{18}F -FDG PET/ CT	$^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar)	Scintigraphy (SPECT)
Sensitivity (%)	23/24 (95.8%)	17/24 (70.8%) ^a	14/22 (63.6%) ^a	21/24 (87.5%)
Specificity (%)	151/152 (99.3%)	152/152 (100.0%)	136/138 (98.6%)	150/152 (98.7%)
Accuracy (%)	174/176 (98.9%)	169/176 (96.0%)	150/160 (93.8%) ^b	171/176 (97.2%)

^aThe sensitivities of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (SPECT) were significantly higher than those of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar) ($p < 0.05$).

^bThe accuracies of ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (SPECT) were significantly higher than that of $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone scintigraphy (planar) ($p < 0.05$).



Diagnostic performance of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and whole-body diffusion-weighted imaging with background body suppression (DWIBS) in detection of lymph node and bone metastases from pediatric neuroblastoma

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Abstract

Objective Recent many studies have shown that whole body “diffusion-weighted imaging with background body signal suppression” (DWIBS) seems a beneficial tool having higher tumor detection sensitivity without ionizing radiation exposure for pediatric tumors. In this study, we evaluated the diagnostic performance of whole body DWIBS and ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT for detecting lymph node and bone metastases in pediatric patients with neuroblastoma.

Methods Subjects in this retrospective study comprised 13 consecutive pediatric patients with neuroblastoma (7 males, 6 females; mean age, 2.9 ± 2.0 years old) who underwent both ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and whole-body DWIBS. All patients were diagnosed as neuroblastoma on the basis of pathological findings. Eight regions of lymph nodes and 17 segments of skeletons in all patients were evaluated. The images of ^{123}I -MIBG scintigraphy/SPECT-CT, bone scintigraphy/SPECT, and CT were used to confirm the presence of lymph node and bone metastases. Two radiologists trained in nuclear medicine evaluated independently the uptake of lesions in ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and the signal-intensity of lesions in whole-body DWIBS visually. Interobserver difference was overcome through discussion to reach a consensus. The sensitivities, specificities, and overall accuracies of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT and whole-body DWIBS were compared using McNemer’s test. Positive predictive values (PPVs) and negative predictive values (NPVs) of both modalities were compared using Fisher’s exact test.

Results The total numbers of lymph node regions and bone segments which were confirmed to have metastasis in the total 13 patients were 19 and 75, respectively. The sensitivity, specificity, overall accuracy, PPV, and NPV of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT for detecting lymph node metastasis from pediatric neuroblastoma were 100, 98.7, 98.9, 95.0, and 100%, respectively, and those for detecting bone metastasis were 90.7, 73.1, 80.3, 70.1, and 91.9%, respectively. In contrast, the sensitivity, specificity, overall accuracy, PPV, and NPV of whole-body DWIBS for detecting bone metastasis from pediatric neuroblastoma were 94.7, 24.0, 53.0, 46.4 and 86.7%, respectively, whereas those for detecting lymph node metastasis were 94.7, 85.3, 87.2, 62.1, and 98.5%, respectively. The low specificity, overall accuracy, and PPV of whole-body DWIBS for detecting bone metastasis were due to a high incidence of false-positive findings (82/108, 75.9%). The specificity, overall accuracy, and PPV of whole-body DWIBS for detecting lymph node metastasis were also significantly lower than those of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT for detecting lymph node metastasis, although the difference between these 2 modalities was less than that for detecting bone metastasis.

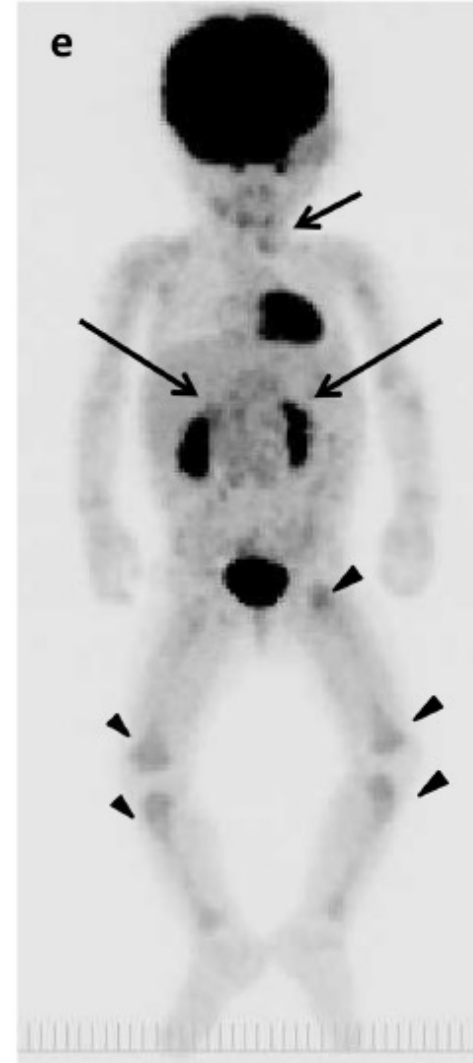
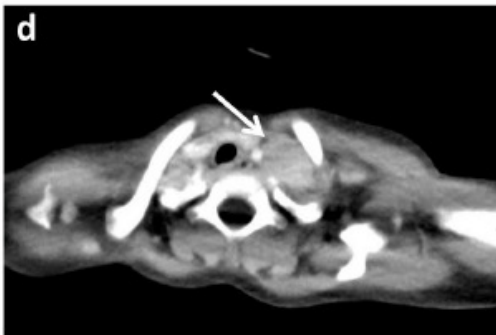
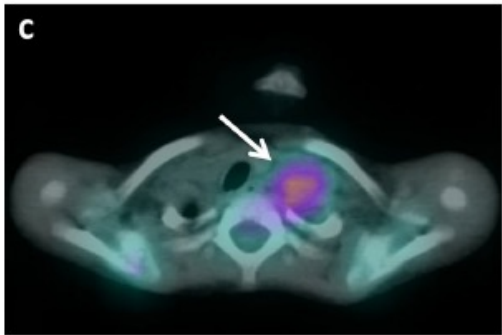
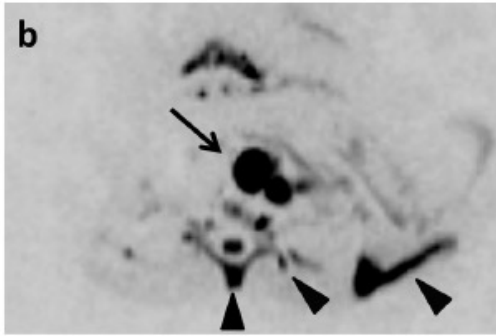
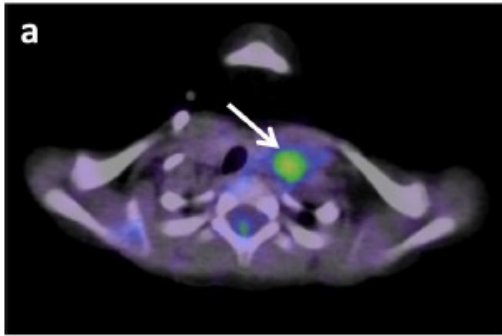
Conclusion The specificity, overall accuracy, and PPV of whole-body DWIBS are significantly lower than those of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT because of a high incidence of false-positive findings particularly for detecting bone metastasis, whereas whole-body DWIBS shows a similar level of sensitivities for detecting lymph node and bone metastases to those of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT. DWIBS should be carefully used for cancer staging in children because of its high incidence of false-positive findings in skeletons.

Keywords ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT · Whole-body DWIBS · Neuroblastoma · Metastasis

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Evaluation of radionuclide therapy for the palliation of bone metastasis pain using ^{89}Sr : comparison of SUV values of bone metastases measured by $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ bone SPECT, ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT, ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT

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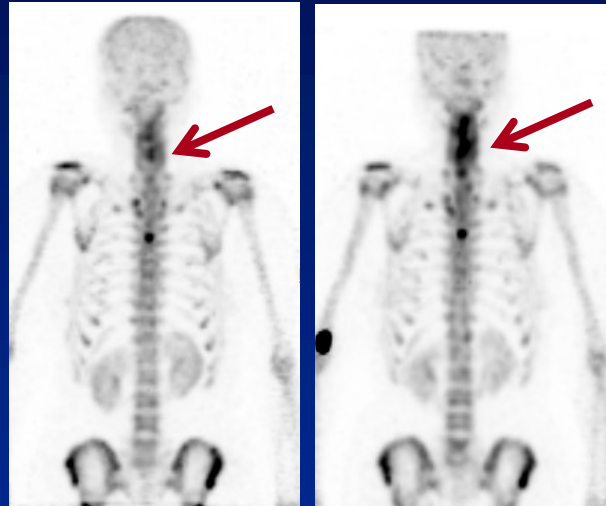
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Patient 7

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Bone SPECT



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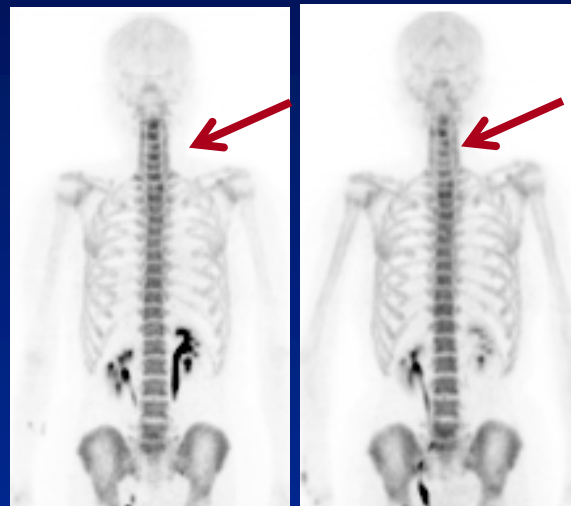
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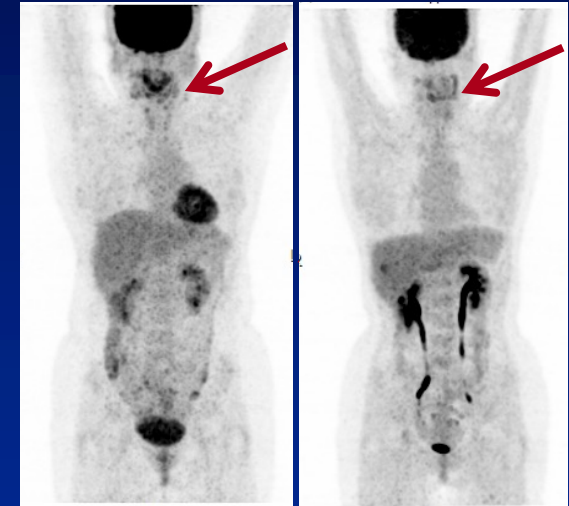
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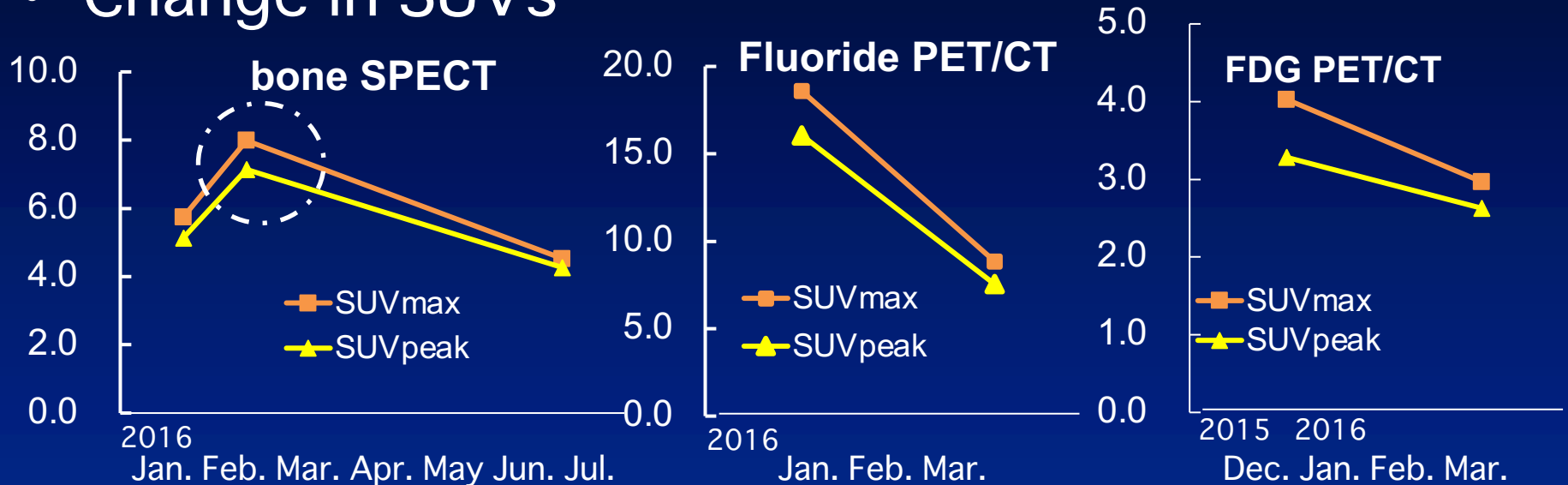
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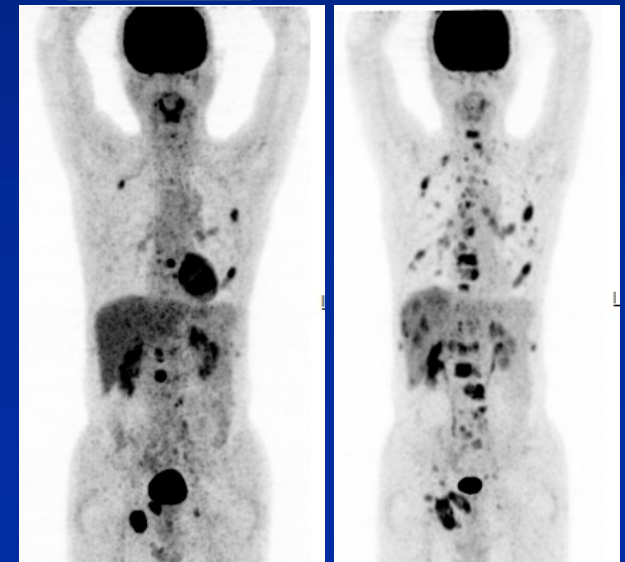
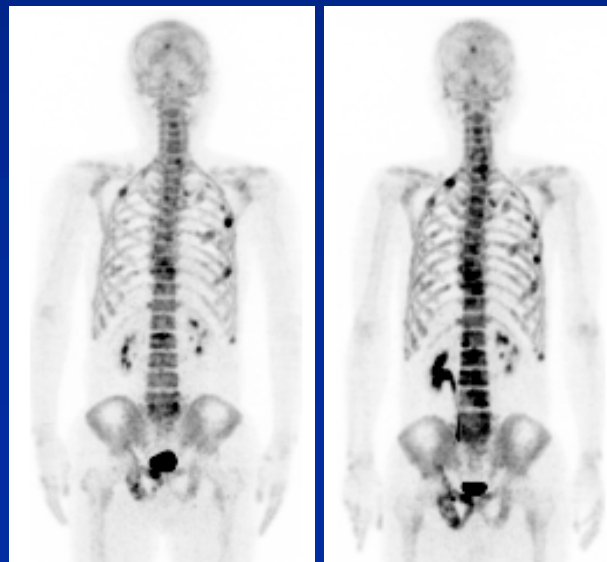
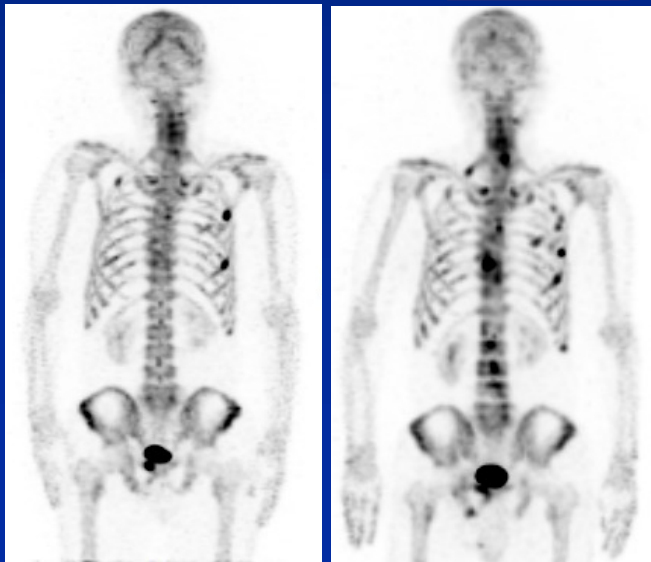
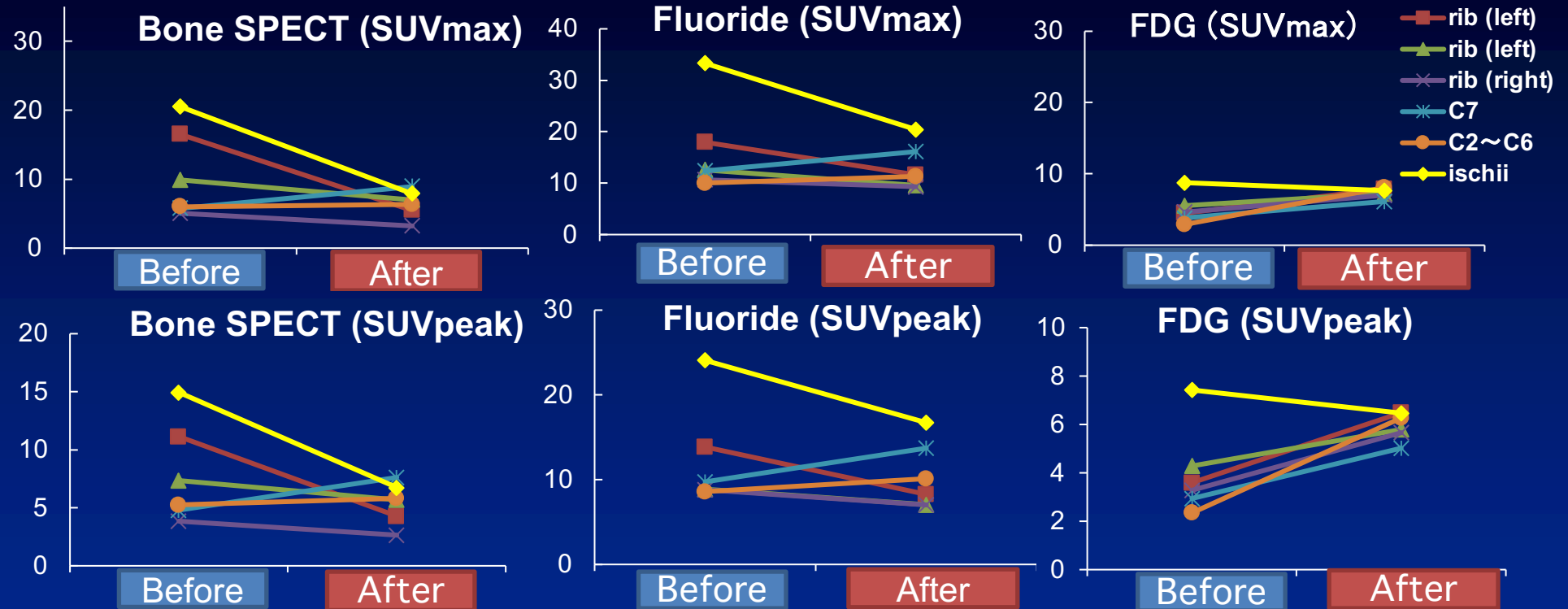
- The flare phenomenon often occurred in bone SPECT and ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT.
- The flare phenomenon was characterized by an early and transient rise in uptake followed by a decline.
- The rise in SUV on bone SPECT may be attributed to the flare phenomenon.

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Patient 6

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Conclusion

- The %SUV changes of ^{18}F -fluoride were most consistent with the results of clinical evaluation.
- In the evaluation of %SUV change using bone SPECT, many cases showed results that were not consistent with those of clinical evaluation because of the flare phenomenon.
- The %change in SUV of ^{18}F -FDG may not be related to patient symptoms.

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Studies on decision of the cut-off standardized uptake values for normal bones and bone metastases of the vertebrae in ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT and ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT

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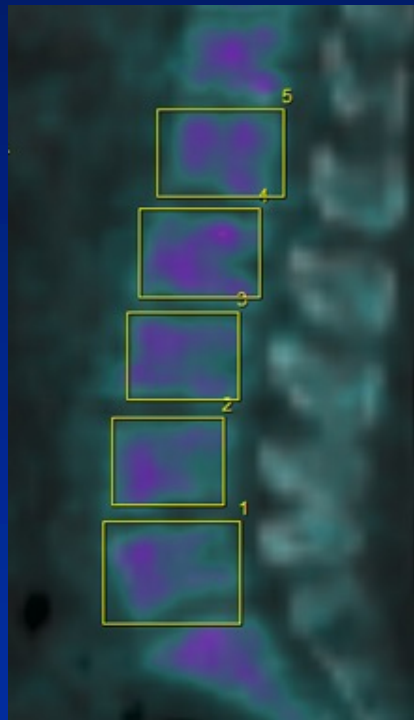
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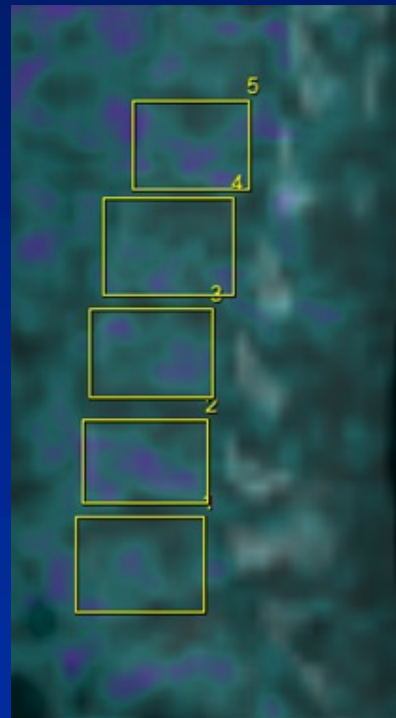


^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT及び ^{18}F -FDG PET/CTを用いて、頸椎・胸椎・腰椎における正常骨及び骨転移を区別するためのSUVによるカットオフ値を設定し、その有用性を検討した。

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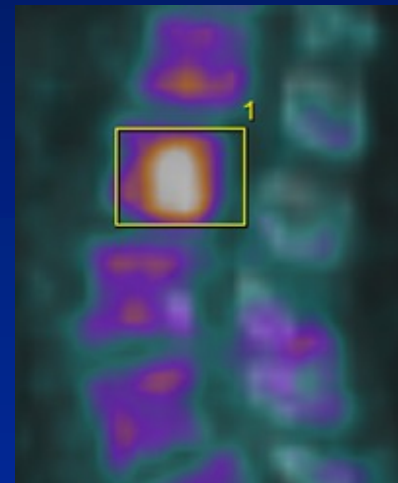


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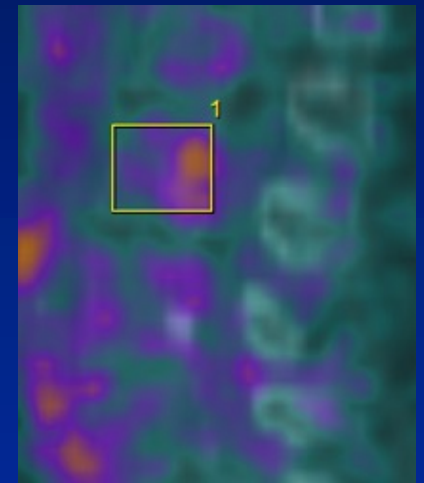


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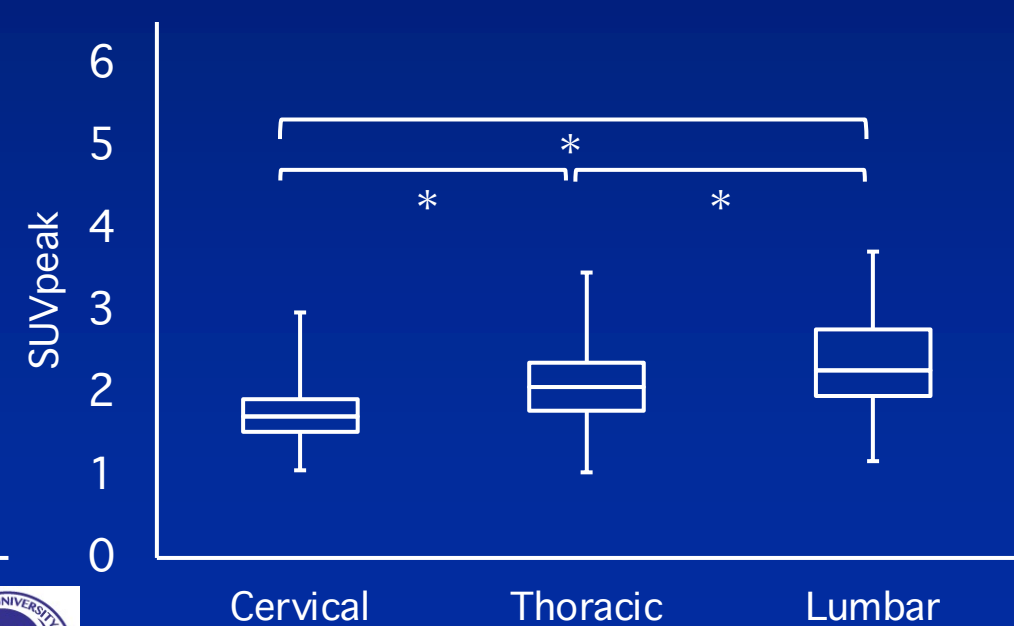
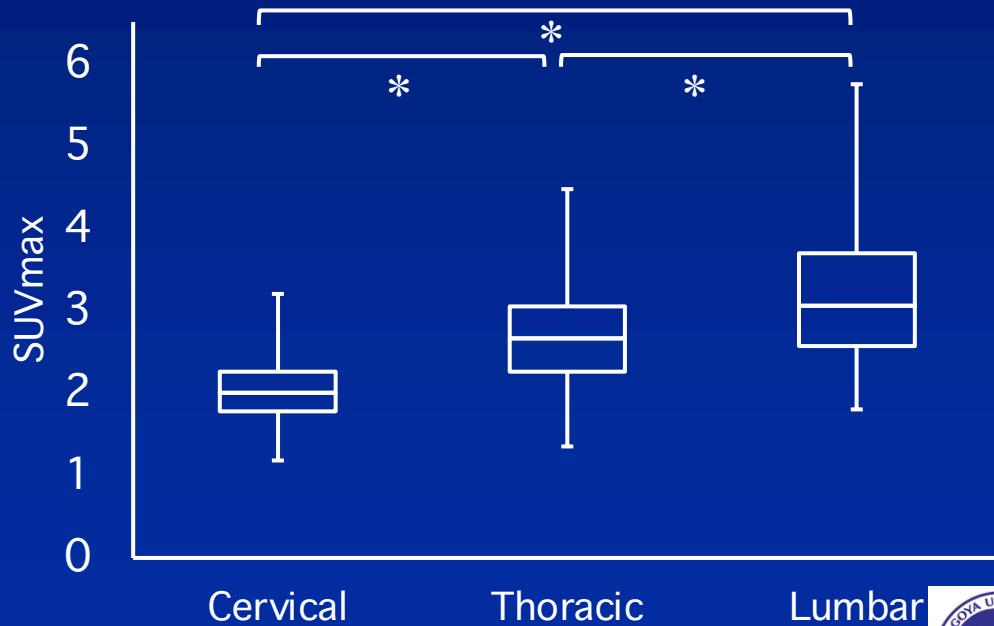
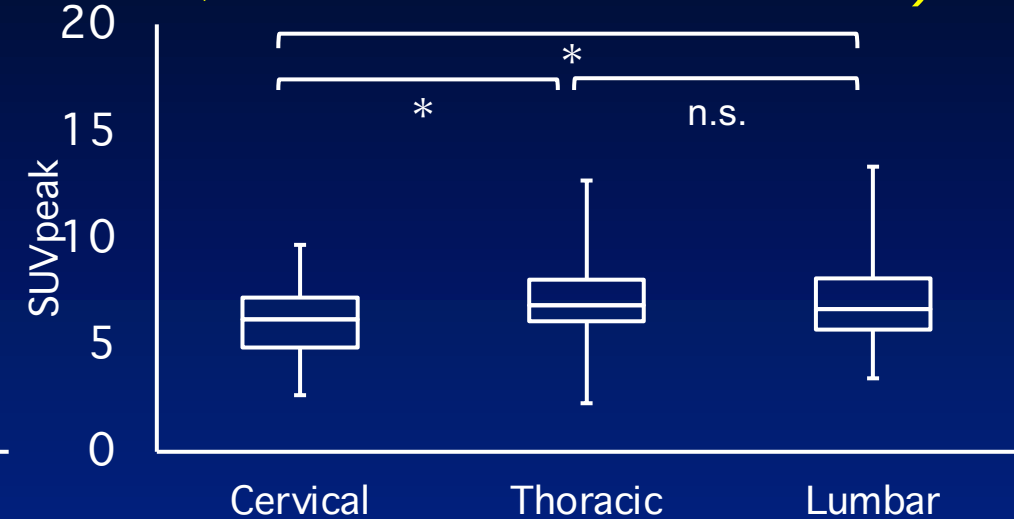
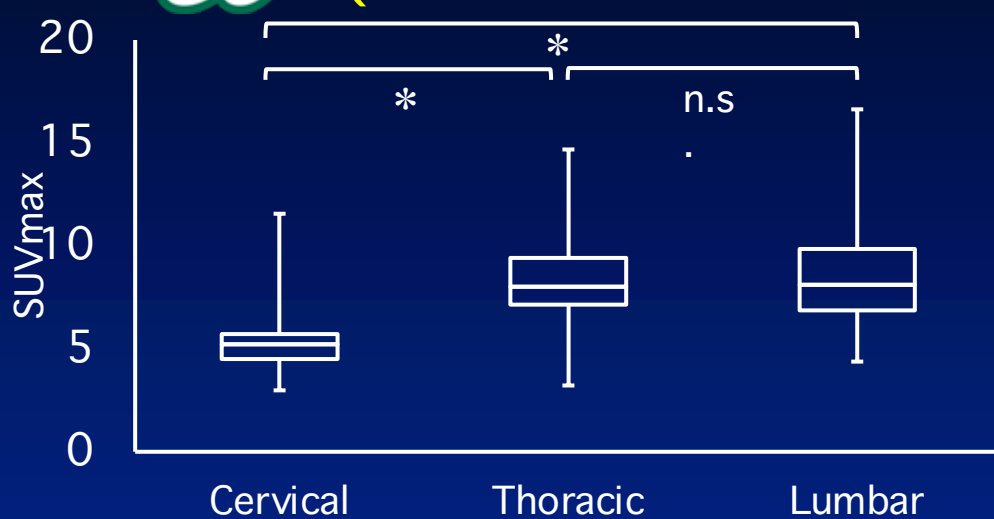
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正常骨SUVの部位間の比較

(上: ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT, 下: ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT)



*: $p < 0.05$, n.s.: not significant





ROC解析の結果

		¹⁸ F-fluoride PET/CT				¹⁸ F-FDG PET/CT			
		Cut-off value	Sen.	Spe.	AUC	Cut-off value	Sen.	Spe.	AUC
SUVmax	Cervical	9.32	0.894	0.881	0.96	2.50	0.741	0.881	0.832
	Thoracic	10.05	0.873	0.819	0.926	3.05	0.654	0.750	0.753
	Lumbar	13.08	0.842	0.952	0.961	3.26	0.746	0.614	0.766
	C-L	10.71	0.841	0.882	0.941	2.94	0.712	0.711	0.772
SUVpeak	Cervical	8.42	0.835	0.938	0.961	2.04	0.753	0.850	0.824
	Thoracic	8.63	0.816	0.841	0.912	2.46	0.588	0.816	0.736
	Lumbar	10.85	0.816	0.950	0.954	2.42	0.754	0.593	0.751
	C-L	8.58	0.843	0.856	0.933	2.32	0.663	0.735	0.76

C-L: Cervical-Lumbar, Sen.: Sensitivity, Spe.: Specificity

部位毎のカットオフ値が適切な場合

- ¹⁸F-fluoride PET/CTにおけるSUVmax
- ¹⁸F-FDG PET/CTにおけるSUVmax
- ¹⁸F-FDG PET/CTにおけるSUVpeak

部位共通のカットオフ値を用いることができる場合

- ¹⁸F-fluoride PET/CTにおけるSUVpeak



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Limited Efficacy of ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT for Differentiation Between Metastasis-Free Pancreatic Cancer and Mass-Forming Pancreatitis

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Objective: Differentiation between metastasis-free pancreatic cancer and mass-forming pancreatitis is important to avoid unnecessary operative procedures. This study was aimed at evaluating the efficacy of PET/CT with ^{18}F -FDG (FDG PET/CT) for the differential diagnosis between them.

Patients and Methods: FDG-PET/CT was performed in 47 study patients with pancreatic masses and without any detectable metastases, 33 of which cases were finally diagnosed as pancreatic cancer and the other 14 as pancreatitis, and the corresponding imaging data were evaluated retrospectively. The maximal SUV (SUVmax) within the masses were determined at 1 hour and mostly at 2 hours after intravenous injection of FDG.

Results: SUVmax at 1 hour in pancreatic cancer was significantly higher than that in mass-forming pancreatitis, and the change in SUVmax from 1- to 2-hour time points was more consistent with pancreatic cancer than with mass-forming pancreatitis. However, there remained considerable overlapping between the SUVmax values of both diseases except either at the higher range for pancreatic cancer (>7.7 at 1 hour or >9.98 at 2 hours) or at the lower range for mass-forming pancreatitis (<3.37 at 1 hour or <3.53 at 2 hours). No obvious difference was found in the FDG uptake patterns of the mass areas between both diseases.

Conclusions: Differentiation between metastasis-free pancreatic cancer and mass-forming pancreatitis is difficult by FDG-PET/CT due to considerable overlapping between the SUVmax values of the two diseases, although the differential diagnosis may be possible either at the higher range of SUVmax (>7.7 at 1 hour or >9.98 at 2 hours) for pancreatic cancer or at the lower range of SUVmax (<3.37 at 1 hour or <3.53 at 2 hours) for mass-forming pancreatitis.

Key Words: ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT, pancreatic cancer, mass-forming pancreatitis (*Clin Nucl Med* 2013;38: 417–421)

A number of earlier reports showed that PET or PET/CT with ^{18}F -FDG (FDG-PET or FDG-PET/CT) was a sensitive and specific noninvasive technique for the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and was therefore useful in differentiating pancreatic cancer from chronic pancreatitis.^{1–8} Previous studies reported the sensitivity and specificity of FDG-PET for detecting pancreatic cancer as being 71%–100% and 64%–90%, respectively.⁹ Recently, it was reported that FDG-PET/CT was more sensitive than multidetector row computed tomography (MDCT) and MRI in the diagnosis of both primary pancreatic adenocarcinoma and associated distant metastases, whereas the sensitivity of FDG-PET/CT

was poor in detecting local lymph node metastasis.¹⁰ It was also shown that there were certain limitations to FDG-PET in the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and that false-negative cases might occur when the tumor was less than 1 cm in diameter.¹¹ FDG-PET did not detect small-sized islet cell tumors ranging from 1.5 to 8 mm in diameter¹² or hepatic, peritoneal, and other distant metastases of pancreatic cancer that were less than 1 cm in diameter.¹³ Besides, it was reported that a delayed FDG-PET scanning at 2 hours postinjection was useful in differentiating between malignant and benign pancreatic lesions in patients in whom routine PET findings obtained at 1 hour were inconclusive.¹⁴

On the other hand, because FDG is not a tumor-specific substance, accumulation of this tracer could occur in experimentally induced inflammatory lesions in rats.¹⁵ In fact, it was reported that due to the increased glycolytic metabolism in activated leukocytes, patients with abdominal abscesses¹⁶ and sarcoidosis¹⁷ exhibited elevated FDG uptake. Inflammatory pancreatic diseases could give rise to focal FDG uptake in the same intensity range as pancreatic cancer.^{18,19} These findings may result in low specificity of FDG-PET in differentiating malignant tumors from benign lesions. Thus, obscure points still remain about the usefulness of FDG-PET in differentiating pancreatic cancer from chronic pancreatitis.

It has been known that chronic pancreatitis clinically presents as a focal tumorous swelling at some stage of the disease process.²⁰ This feature has been variously called tumor-forming pancreatitis, focal pancreatic mass, pseudotumorous pancreatitis, inflammatory pancreatic mass,²¹ or mass-forming pancreatitis.²² Because this stage of chronic pancreatitis has often been suspected to be a carcinoma, a correct diagnosis in differentiating pancreatic cancer from mass-forming pancreatitis is important to avoid unnecessary operative procedures.²³

The purpose of this study was to compare the FDG uptake findings of the mass areas in metastasis-free pancreatic cancer and mass-forming pancreatitis and to evaluate the efficacy of FDG-PET/CT for the differential diagnosis between both diseases. To the best of our knowledge, this study is the first large-scale assessment to compare FDG uptake findings in the mass areas in pancreatic cancer and mass-forming pancreatitis.

PATIENTS AND METHODS

Patients

Whole-body FDG-PET/CT was performed in 47 patients with suspected pancreatic tumors and without any detectable metastases, who were referred from the departments of internal medicine and surgery of Nagoya University Hospital between April 2007 and February 2009 (33 men, 14 women; age range, 44–81 years; mean age \pm SD, 66 ± 8.6 years), and the corresponding imaging data were evaluated retrospectively. Thirty-three (20 men, 13 women; age range, 48–81 years; mean age \pm SD, 66 ± 8.1 years) of the 47 study patients were finally diagnosed as having pancreatic cancer (32 adenocarcinoma and 1 ductal carcinoma) and the other 14 (13 men, 1 woman; age range, 44–79 years; mean age \pm SD, 65 ± 9.5 years) had pancreatitis, including 5 cases of autoimmune pancreatitis.²⁴ In 33 cases of pancreatic cancer, 20 were operated on, 5 were

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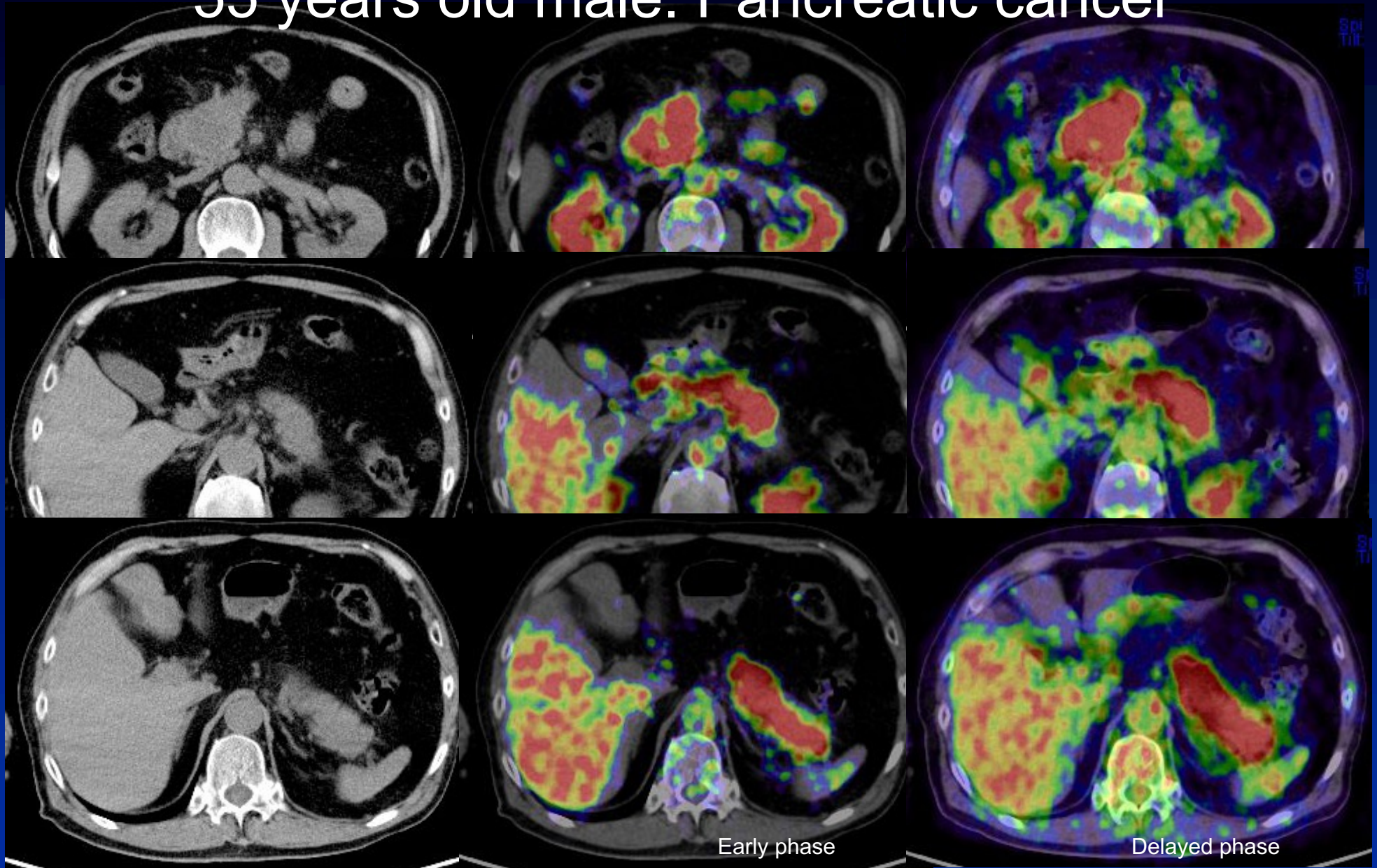
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SUV mean 5.81, max 10.27

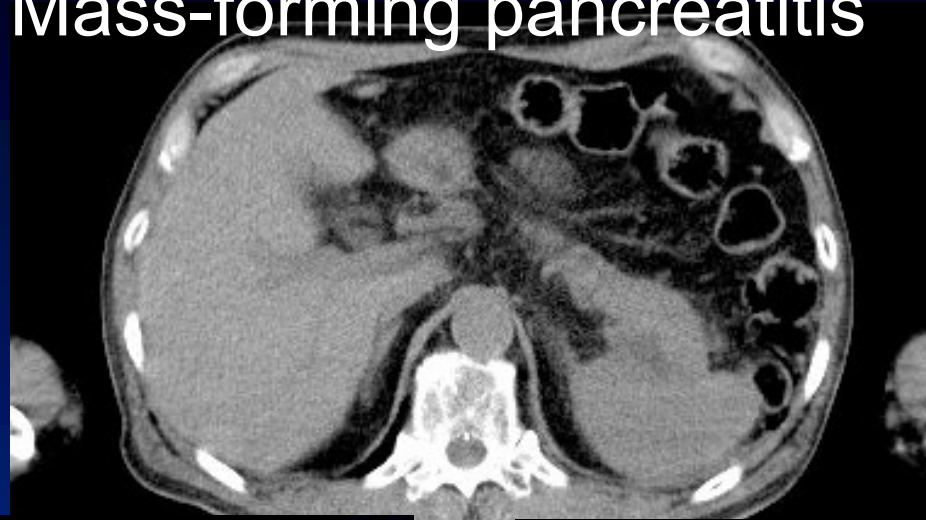
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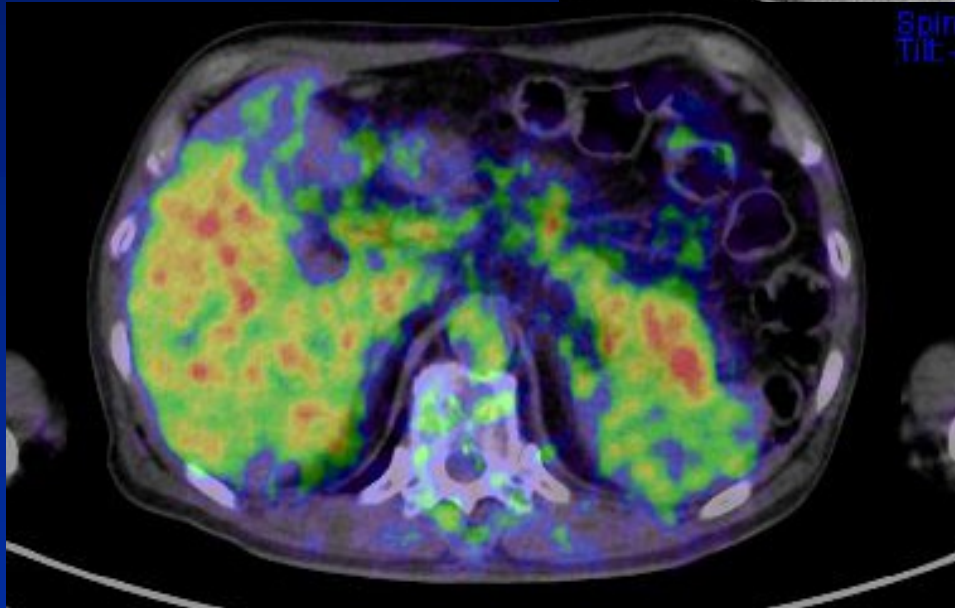
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Mass-forming pancreatitis

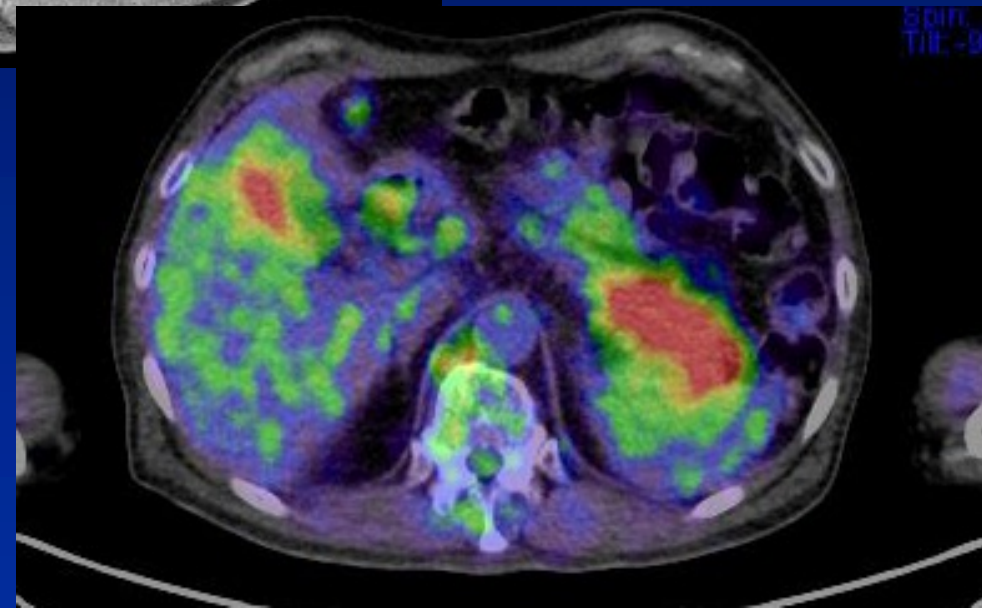


^{18}F -FDG PET/CT



Early phase

SUV mean 3.04, max 4.81



Delayed phase

SUV mean 3.72, max 5.56

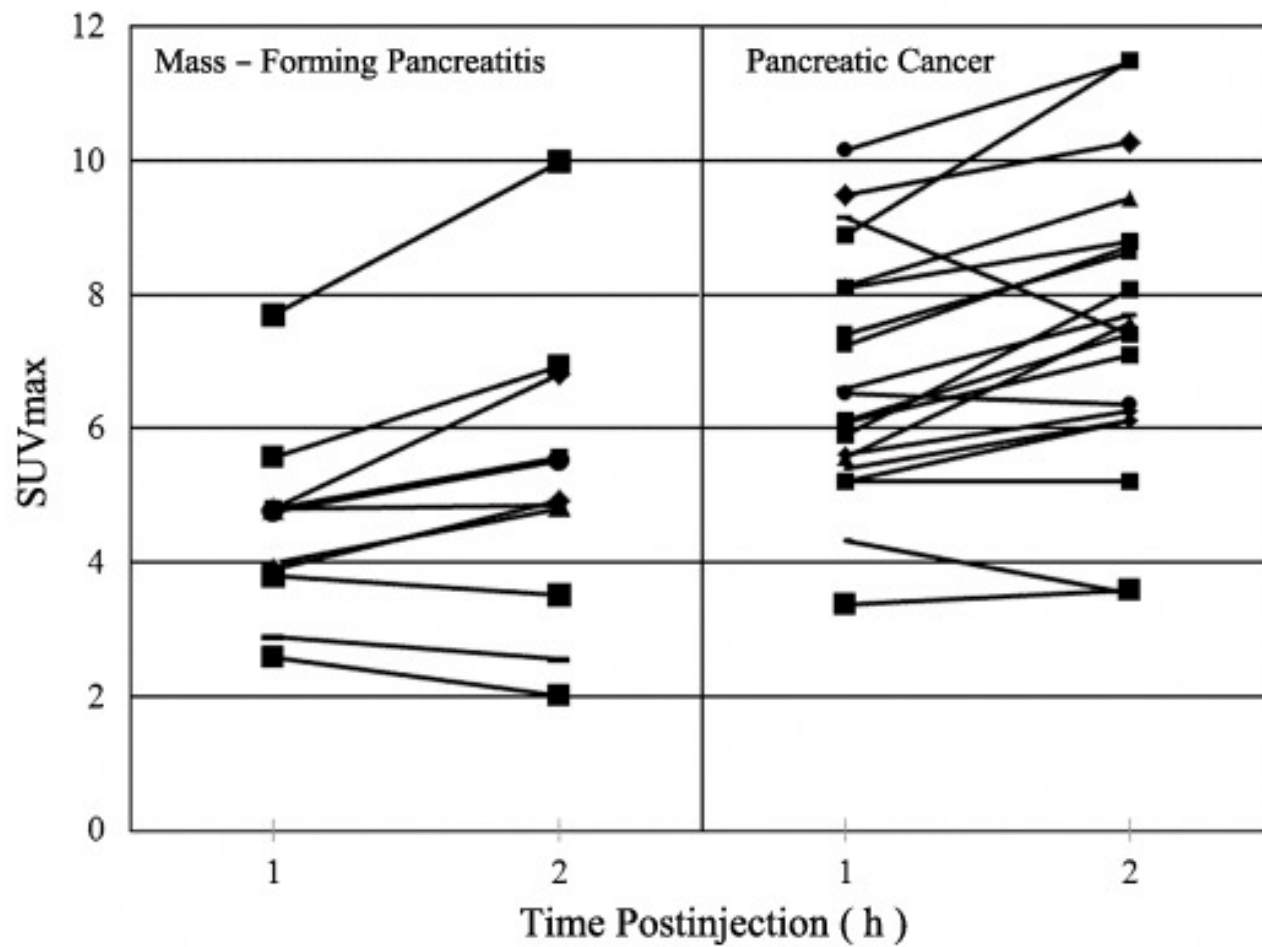


FIGURE 1. SUVmax at 1 hour and 2 hours postinjection in metastasis-free pancreatic cancer and mass-forming pancreatitis.



- FDG投与後1 hのSUVmaxは、膵癌が腫瘍形成性膵炎より高い。
- 1時間値と2時間値の差も膵癌の方が高い。
- しかし両者にはオーバーラップがあるので鑑別が難しい。
- SUVmax が >7.7 (1 h値) もしくは >9.98 (2 h値) の場合は膵癌、 <3.37 (1 h値) もしくは <3.53 (2 h値) の場合は腫瘍形成性膵炎と診断が可能。

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Images of a Case of Carney Triad by Combined F-18 FDG PET/CT

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Abstract: Carney triad is a very rare condition with gastrointestinal stromal tumor, pulmonary chondroma, and extra-adrenal paragangliomas. We present the images of a patient with the complete triad, including total gastrectomy for gastrointestinal stromal tumor at the age of 13, and a left pneumonectomy for pulmonary chondroma at the age of 15. Results of F-18 FDG PET/CT that was performed at age of 22 for recurrent pulmonary chondroma also demonstrated new lesions in the neck, mediastinum, and abdomen representing extra-adrenal paragangliomas.

Key Words: Carney triad, gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST), pulmonary chondroma, extra-adrenal paragangliomas, F-18 FDG PET/CT, I-131MIBG

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^{18}F -FDG PET

Carny Triad

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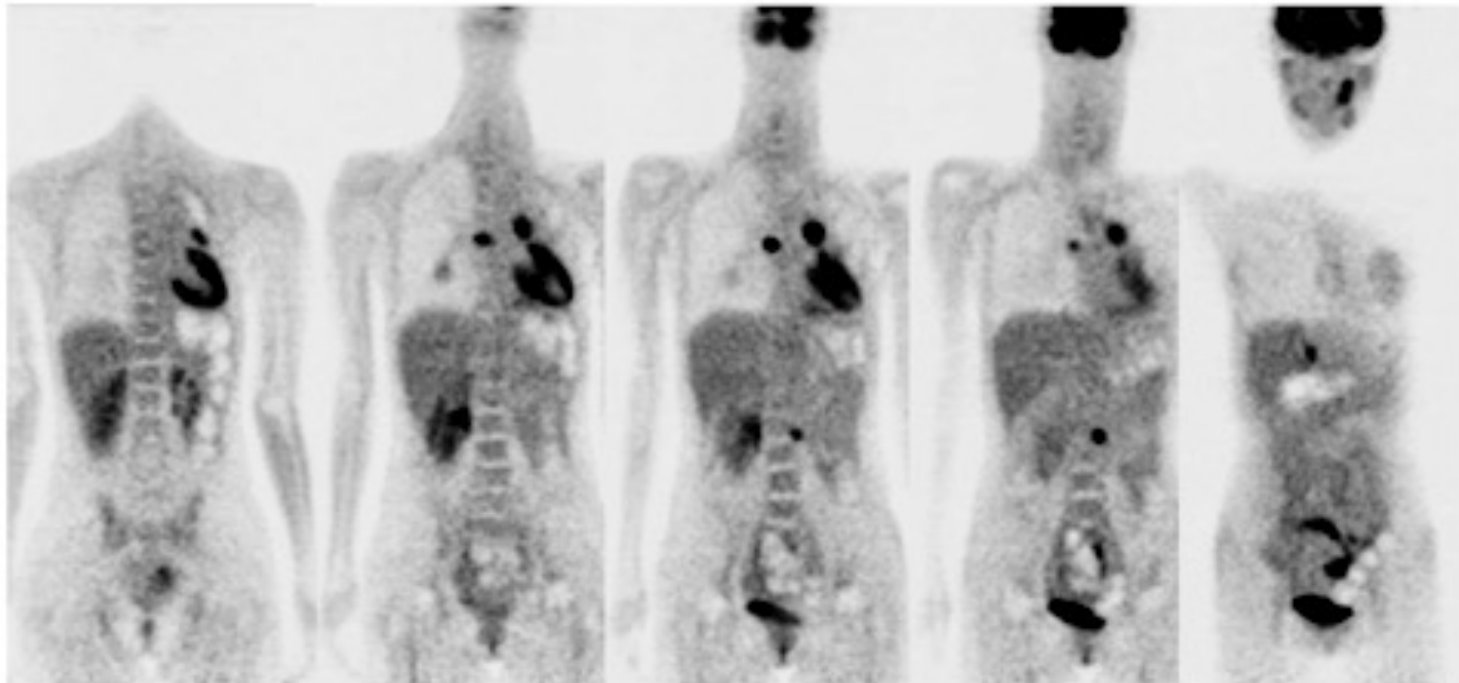
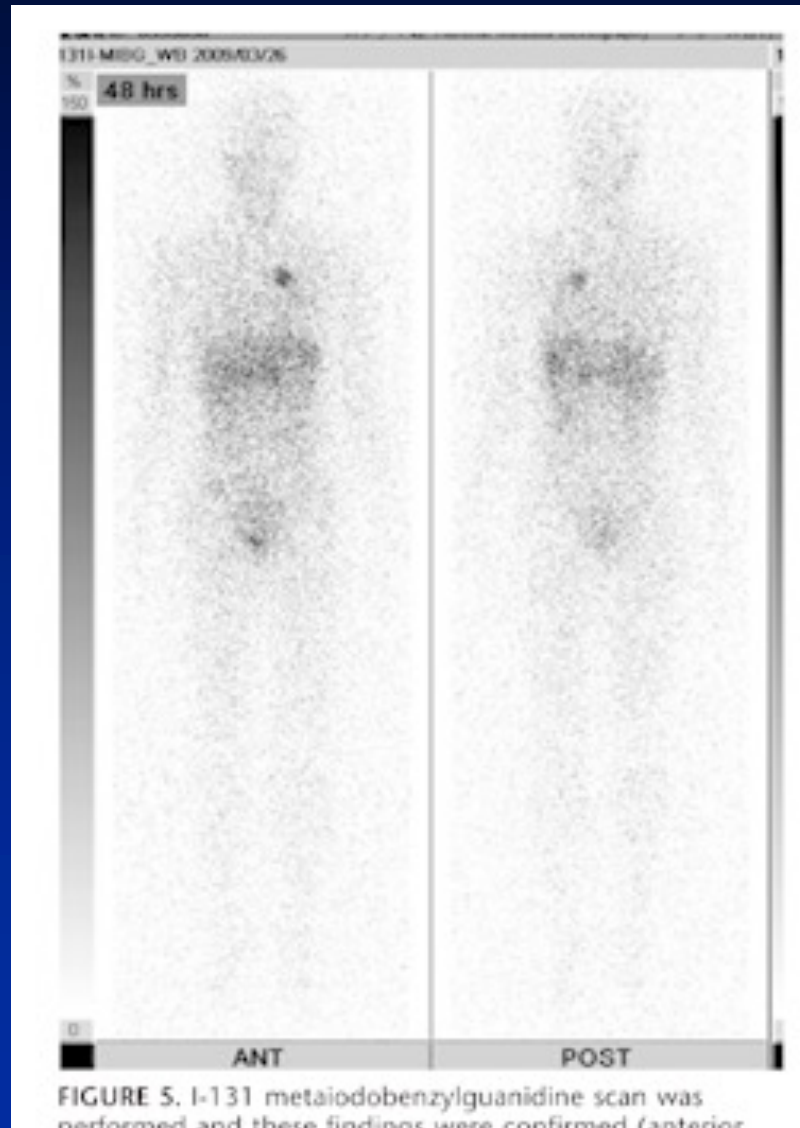


FIGURE 2. Results of F-18 FDG PET/CT (taken on February 10, 2009) revealed a large mass located in the lower lobe of the right lung and multiple masses of left neck, middle mediastinum, and left side of the abdominal aorta (PET and CT imaging was performed using a combined PET/CT system [Biograph Sensation 16; Siemens Medical Solutions]).



^{131}I -MIBG scintigraphy





Evaluation of ^{11}C -choline PET/CT for primary diagnosis and staging of urothelial carcinoma of the upper urinary tract: a pilot study

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Abstract

Purpose We conducted a pilot study to prospectively evaluate the efficacy of PET/CT with ^{11}C -choline (choline PET/CT) for primary diagnosis and staging of urothelial carcinoma of the upper urinary tract (UUT-UC).

Methods Enrolled in this study were 16 patients (9 men, 7 women; age range 51–83 years, mean \pm SD 69 \pm 10.8 years) with suspected UUT-UC. The patients were examined by choline PET/CT, and 13 underwent laparoscopic nephroureterectomy and partial cystectomy. Lymphadenectomy and chemotherapy were also performed as necessary in some of the patients. Of the 16 patients, 12 were confirmed to have UUT-UC (7 renal pelvis carcinoma and 5 ureteral carcinoma), 1 had malignant lymphoma (ureter), 1 had IgG4-related disease (ureter), and 2 had other benign diseases (ureter).

Results Of the 16 study patients, 13 showed definite choline uptake in urothelial lesions, and of these, 11 had UUT-UC, 1 had malignant lymphoma, and 1 had IgG4-related disease.

Three patients without choline uptake comprised one with UUT-UC and two with benign diseases. Of the 12 patients with UUT-UC, 3 had distant metastases, 2 had metastases only in the regional lymph nodes, and 7 had no metastases. Distant metastases and metastases in the regional lymph nodes showed definite choline uptake. The outcome in patients with UUT-UC, which was evaluated 592–1,530 days after surgery, corresponded to the patient classification based on the presence or absence of metastases and locoregional or distant metastases. Choline uptake determined as SUVmax 10 min after administration was significantly higher than at 20 min in metastatic tumours of UUT-UC ($p < 0.05$), whereas there was no statistically significant difference between the SUVmax values at 10 and those at 20 min in primary tumours of UUT-UC.

Conclusion This study suggests that choline PET/CT is a promising tool for the primary diagnosis and staging of UUT-UC.

Keywords ^{11}C -Choline PET/CT • Urothelial carcinoma • Upper urinary tract • Renal pelvis • Ureter

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Introduction

Urothelial carcinoma of the upper urinary tract (renal pelvis and ureter; UUT-UC) is an infrequent genitourinary malignancy accounting for 5 % of urothelial cancers and less than 10 % of renal tumours [1]. Analysis of epidemiological and survival patterns of UUT-UC over the past 30 years in a review of a large, population-based database in the USA has shown that the incidence of UUT-UC has slowly risen, and that increasing patient age, male gender, Afro-American race,

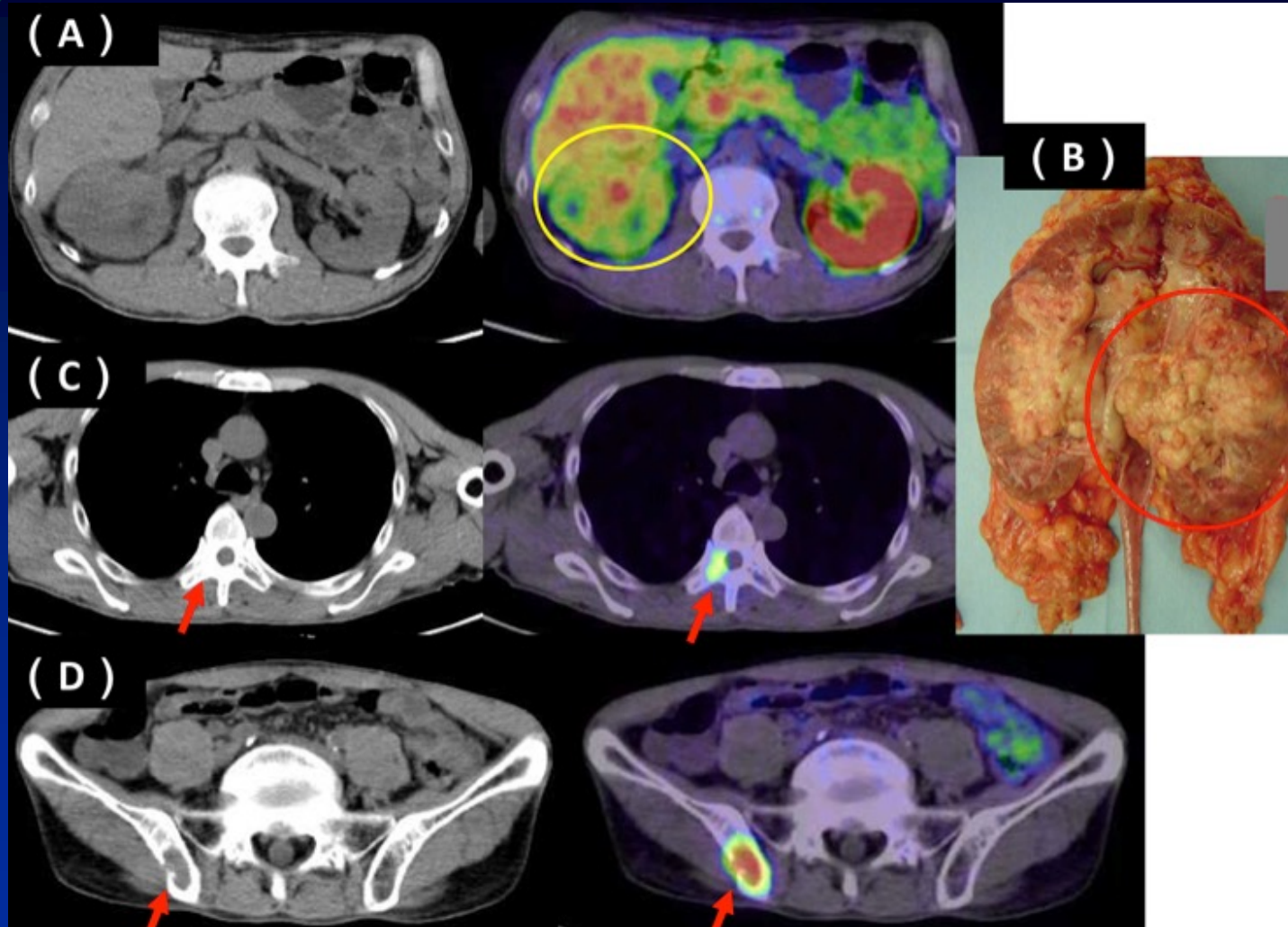




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^{11}C -choline PET/CT

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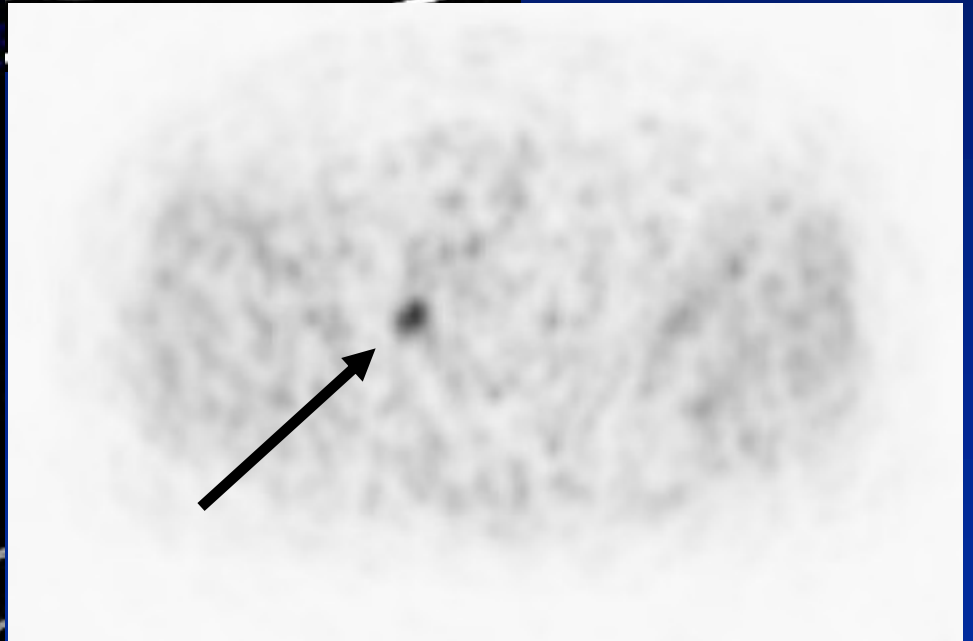
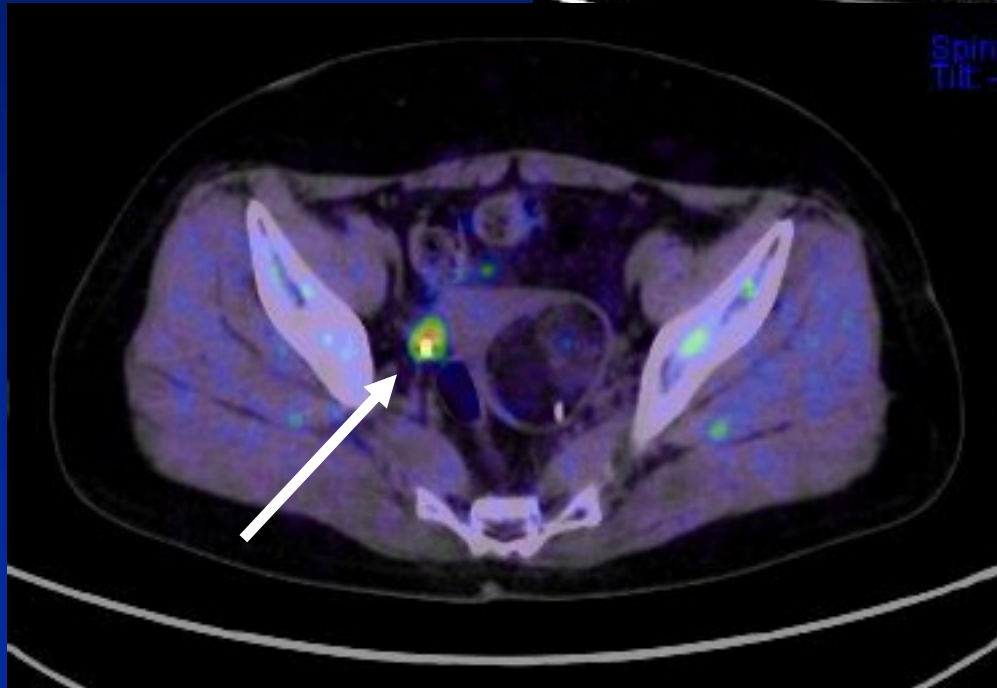


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^{11}C -choline PET/CT



SUVmax 6.28

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TABLE 3

Sensitivity, Specificity, Accuracy, Positive Predictive Value, and Negative Predictive Value of ^{11}C -choline PET/CT in Detection of UUT-UC

Parameter	Value	%
Sensitivity	12 [*] / 13 [*]	92%
Specificity	2 / 3 ^{**}	67%
Accuracy	14 / 16	88%
Positive predictive value	12 [*] / 13 ^{**}	92%
Negative predictive value	2 / 3	67%

* Including malignant lymphoma ;

** Including IgG4-related disease.



Estimation of ^{123}I -IMP Arterial Blood Activity Using ^{123}I -IMP Acquisition Data From the Lungs and Brain Without Any Blood Sampling

Validation of Its Usefulness for Quantification of Regional Cerebral Blood Flow

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Objective: The conventional methods for the estimation of regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) using ^{123}I -labeled *N*-isopropyl-p-iodoamphetamine (^{123}I IMP) autoradiography (ARG) require continuous or 1-point arterial blood sampling. Patients who need rCBF quantification benefit from the avoidance of arterial puncture. In this study, we attempted to develop a method without any blood sampling to estimate ^{123}I IMP activity in the arterial blood sample at 10 minutes after injection of ^{123}I IMP (Ca10) for the purpose of rCBF quantification. For the evaluation of validity of this method, the mean of rCBFs in various regions of the brain (mean CBF) calculated by ^{123}I IMP ARG method using the estimated Ca10 was compared with that calculated using the Ca10 directly measured with the actual arterial blood sample. Both groups of the mean CBF values were also compared with those measured by O-15 H_2O PET ARG method.

Methods: I-123 IMP ARG study was applied to 23 patients, and O-15 H_2O PET ARG was applied to 20 patients of them. Dynamic images of the lungs, time series of static images of the brain, and brain SPECT images were acquired after injection of ^{123}I IMP. Arterial blood sampling was done 10 minutes after injection of ^{123}I IMP. Multiple regression analysis was used to estimate Ca10 using 5 parameters from the lung washout counts, time series of brain static counts, and brain SPECT average counts as the explanatory variables and the Ca10 directly measured with the actual arterial blood sample as the objective variable, and the regression equation was calculated.

Results: The regression equation was calculated by multiple regression analysis as follows: Estimated Ca10 = $(2.09 \times 10^{-2} \cdot \text{LW3}) - (2.29 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{Cb5}) - (9.87 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \text{Cbpre-SPECT}) + (1.06 \cdot \text{CbSPECTav}) + (1.03 \times 10^{-2} \cdot \text{Cbpost-SPECT}) + 165$ (counts/s/g), where LW3: lung washout count at 3 minutes after injection, Cb5: brain count at 5 minutes, Cb pre-SPECT: brain count before SPECT, Cb SPECT av: average brain count during SPECT, and Cb post-SPECT: brain count after SPECT. The estimated Ca10 values closely correlated with the directly measured Ca10 values ($r = 0.907$, $P < 0.01$). The mean CBF values (mL/min/100 g) calculated by ^{123}I IMP ARG method using the estimated Ca10 also closely correlated with those calculated using the directly measured Ca10 ($r = 0.818$, $P < 0.01$). The mean

CBF values calculated by the ^{123}I IMP ARG method using either the directly measured or the estimated Ca10 significantly correlated ($r = 0.698$ and 0.590 , respectively; $P < 0.01$) with those measured by O-15 H_2O PET ARG method.

Conclusions: The ^{123}I IMP arterial blood activity can be estimated reliably without any blood sampling using the ^{123}I IMP acquisition data from the lungs and brain. This method can serve for a convenient and noninvasive rCBF quantification technique instead of the conventional methods requiring arterial blood sampling.

Key Words: cerebral blood flow, ^{123}I IMP, O-15 H_2O , SPECT, PET (Clin Nucl Med 2012;37: 258–263)

The measurement of regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) is necessary for evaluation of the cerebral circulation in the diagnosis of pathologic changes of the brain. *N*-isopropyl-p-[^{123}I] iodoamphetamine (^{123}I IMP) has been widely used as a tracer for the measurement of rCBF by SPECT. I-123 IMP has a higher first-pass extraction fraction into the cerebral tissue and negligible back diffusion from there within an early time after injection.^{1,2} These characteristics of ^{123}I IMP bring about a good linear correlation between its accumulation into the cerebral tissue and rCBF. Moreover, ^{123}I IMP is one of the most suitable SPECT tracers used for the measurement of rCBF because it excels in the contrast between normal and defective cerebral areas.

In the past few decades, many studies were conducted for rCBF quantification using ^{123}I IMP. Quantification of rCBF using ^{123}I IMP and SPECT based on the microsphere model was performed by Kuhl et al.^{1,3} In addition, there were several studies for rCBF quantification using ^{123}I IMP based on the 2-compartment model, the arterial blood as one compartment and the cerebral tissue as the other compartment.^{4–8} These quantification methods for rCBF so far reported require continuous or 1-point arterial blood sampling by arterial puncture that is invasive for patients. A simple and reliable quantification method for rCBF using ^{123}I IMP SPECT has been developed by Iida et al (^{123}I IMP autoradiography [ARG] method).^{7,8} In this method, continuous arterial blood sampling and measurement of the lipophilic fraction in the blood samples were avoided, but 1-point arterial blood sample is still necessary for determination of the arterial input function for each subject.

Recent studies indicated that rCBF could be calculated using ^{123}I IMP and SPECT with venous blood sampling⁹ or without any blood sampling.^{10–12} The methods without any blood sampling were based on the microsphere model, and calculated the input function by using dynamic lung images and estimated cardiac output.^{10,11} In

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Objective: The conventional methods for the estimation of regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) using ^{123}I -labeled *N*-isopropyl-*p*-iodoamphetamine (^{123}I -IMP) autoradiography (ARG) require continuous or 1-point arterial blood sampling. Patients who need rCBF quantification benefit from the avoidance of arterial puncture. In this study, we attempted to develop a method without any blood sampling to estimate ^{123}I -IMP activity in the arterial blood sample at 10 minutes after injection of ^{123}I -IMP (Ca10) for the purpose of rCBF quantification. For the evaluation of validity of this method, the mean of rCBFs in various regions of the brain (mean CBF) calculated by ^{123}I -IMP ARG method using the estimated Ca10 was compared with that calculated using the Ca10 directly measured with the actual arterial blood sample. Both groups of the mean CBF values were also compared with those measured by O-15 H_2O PET ARG method.

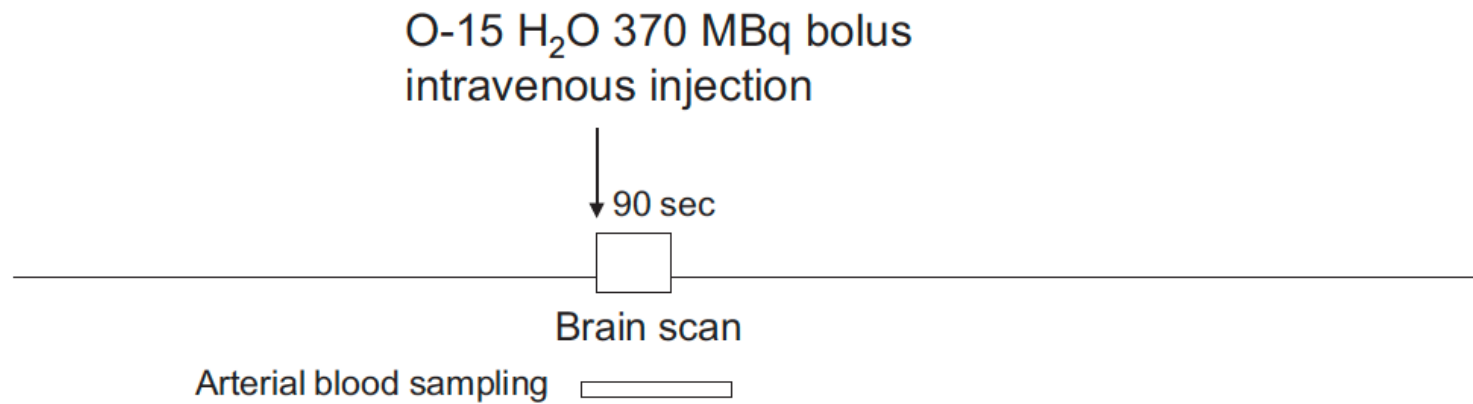
CBF values calculated by the ^{123}I -IMP ARG method using either the directly measured or the estimated Ca10 significantly correlated ($r = 0.698$ and 0.590 , respectively; $P < 0.01$) with those measured by O-15 H_2O PET ARG method.

Conclusions: The ^{123}I -IMP arterial blood activity can be estimated reliably without any blood sampling using the ^{123}I -IMP acquisition data from the lungs and brain. This method can serve for a convenient and noninvasive rCBF quantification technique instead of the conventional methods requiring arterial blood sampling.

Key Words: cerebral blood flow, ^{123}I -IMP, O-15 H_2O , SPECT, PET
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O-15 H₂O PET Scan



¹²³I IMP data acquisition with gamma camera

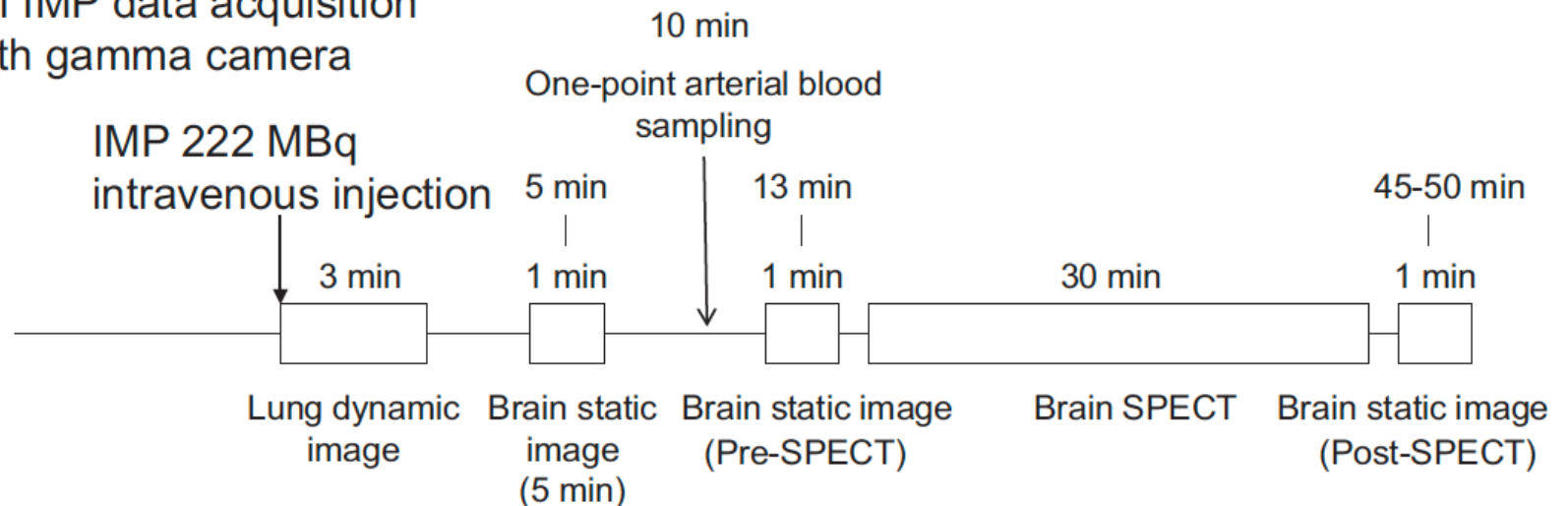


FIGURE 1. Outlines of the procedure of O-15 H₂O PET ARG method and ¹²³I IMP data acquisition with a gamma camera.

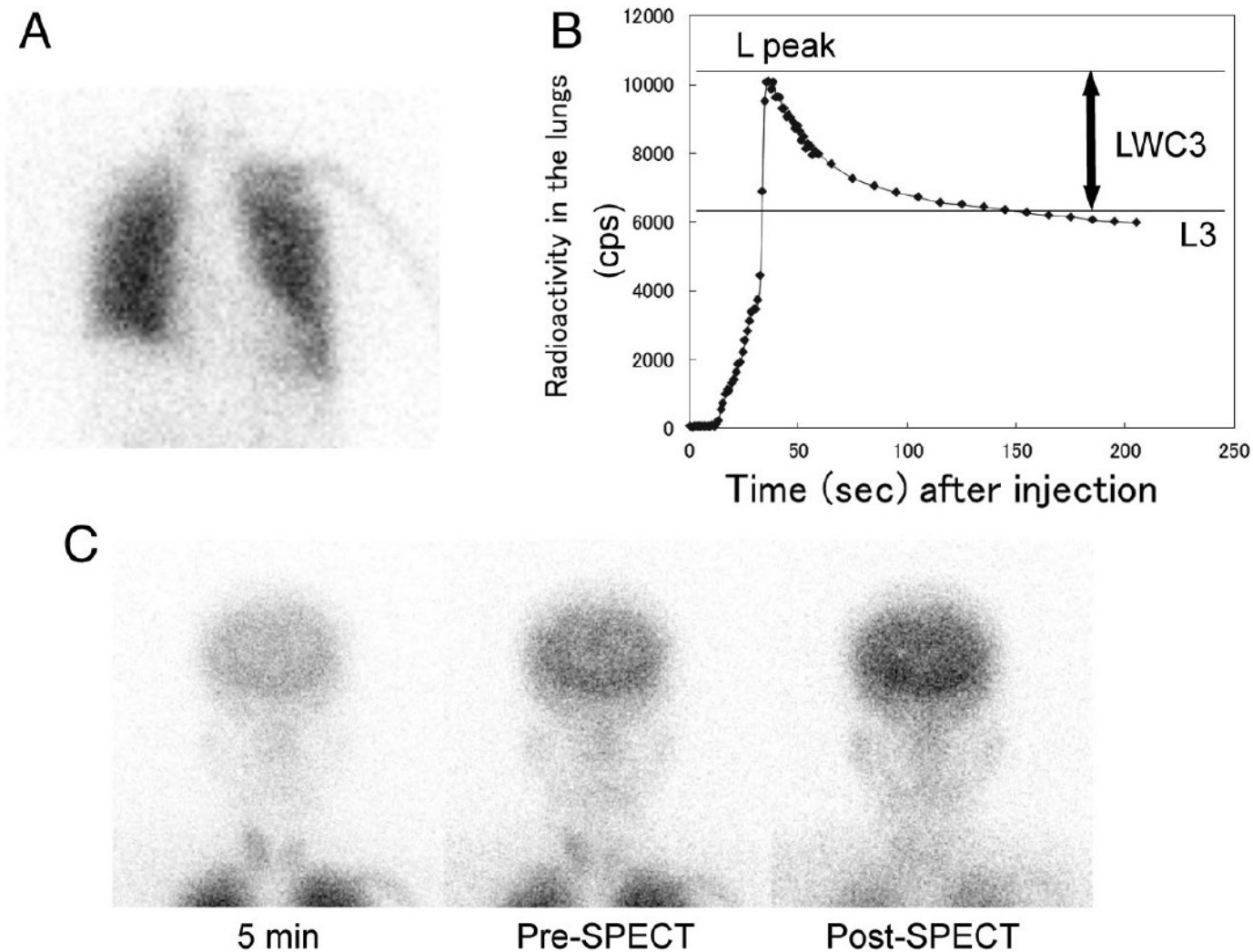


FIGURE 2. Data acquired after intravenous injection of ^{123}I IMP. **A**, Lung planar image taken at 3 minutes after injection. **B**, Time course of radioactivity of the lungs after injection. **C**, Brain static images at 5 minutes, 13 minutes (pre-SPECT), and 45 to 50 minutes (post-SPECT) after injection.

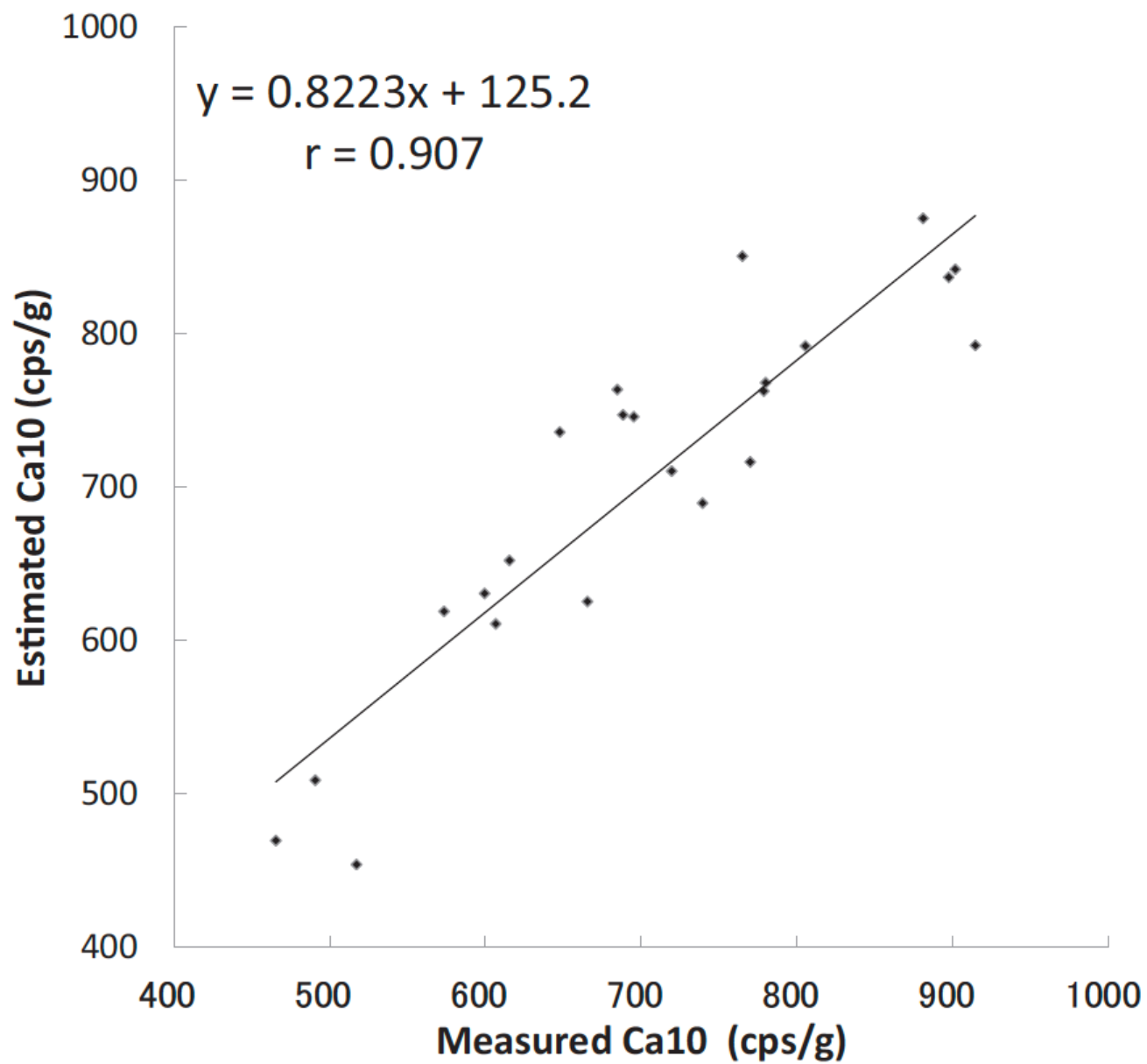


FIGURE 3. Comparison between the estimated Ca10 and the directly measured Ca.

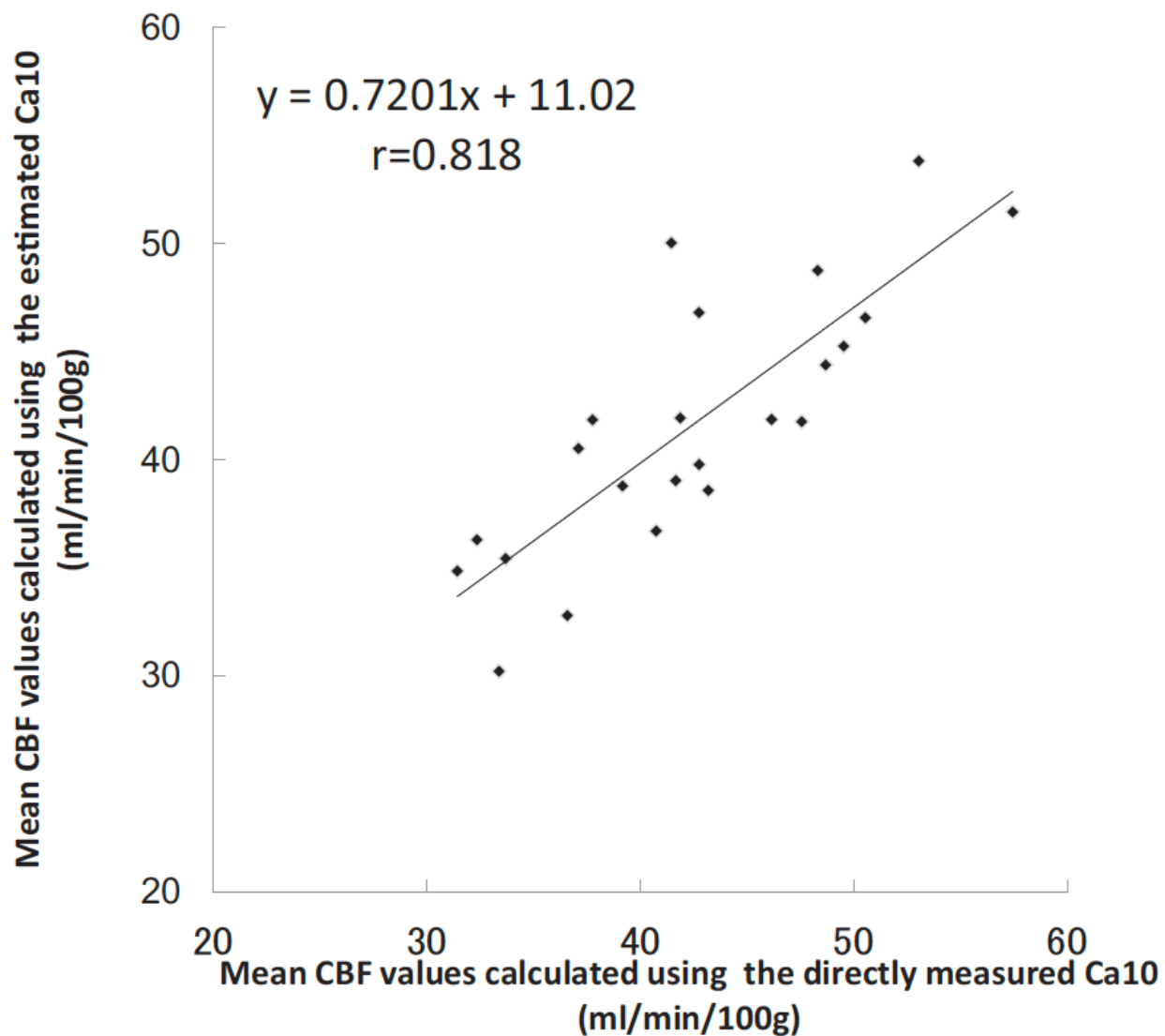


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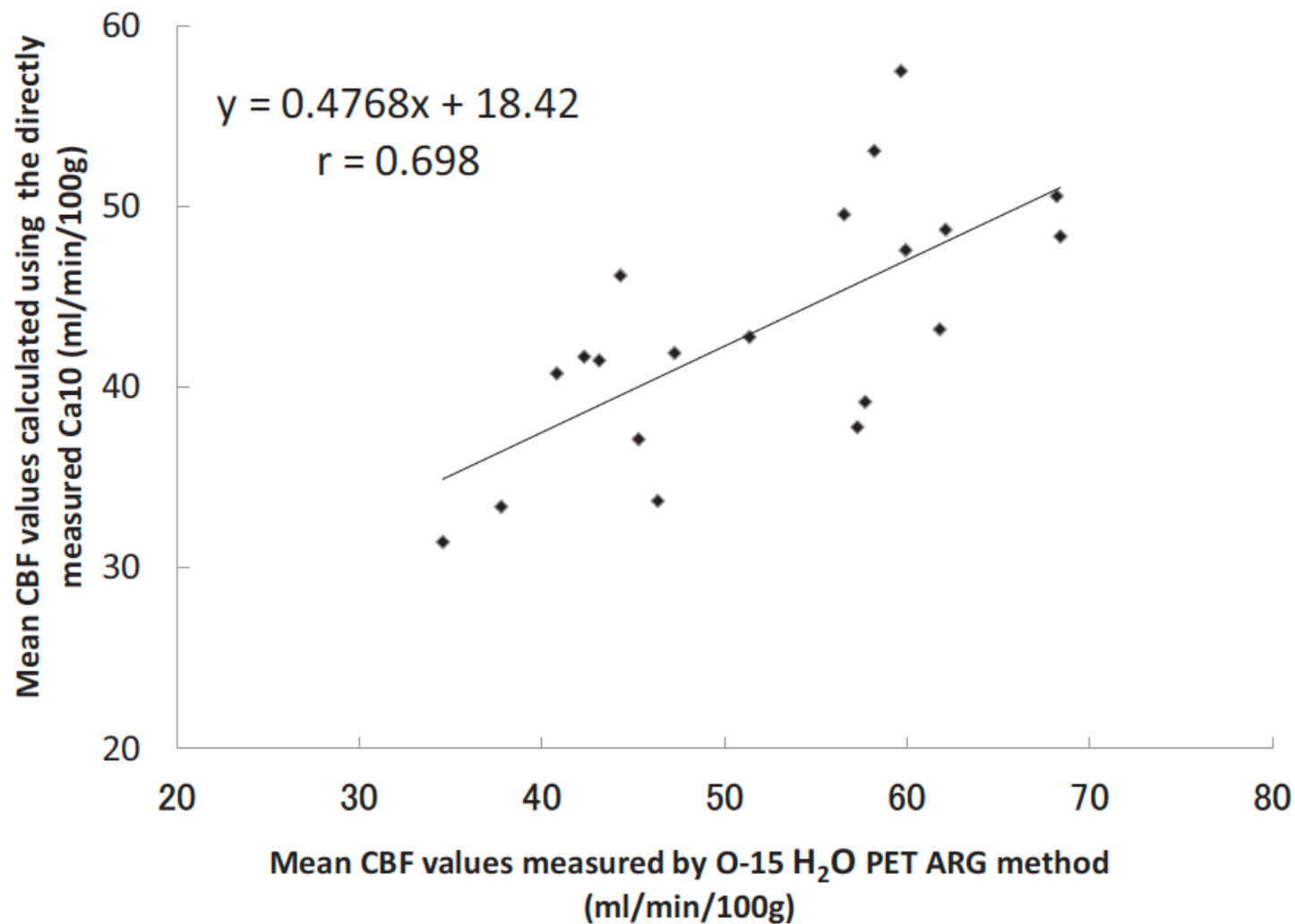


FIGURE 5. Comparison between the mean CBF values calculated by ¹²³I IMP ARG method using the measured Ca10 and those measured by O-15 H₂O PET ARG method.

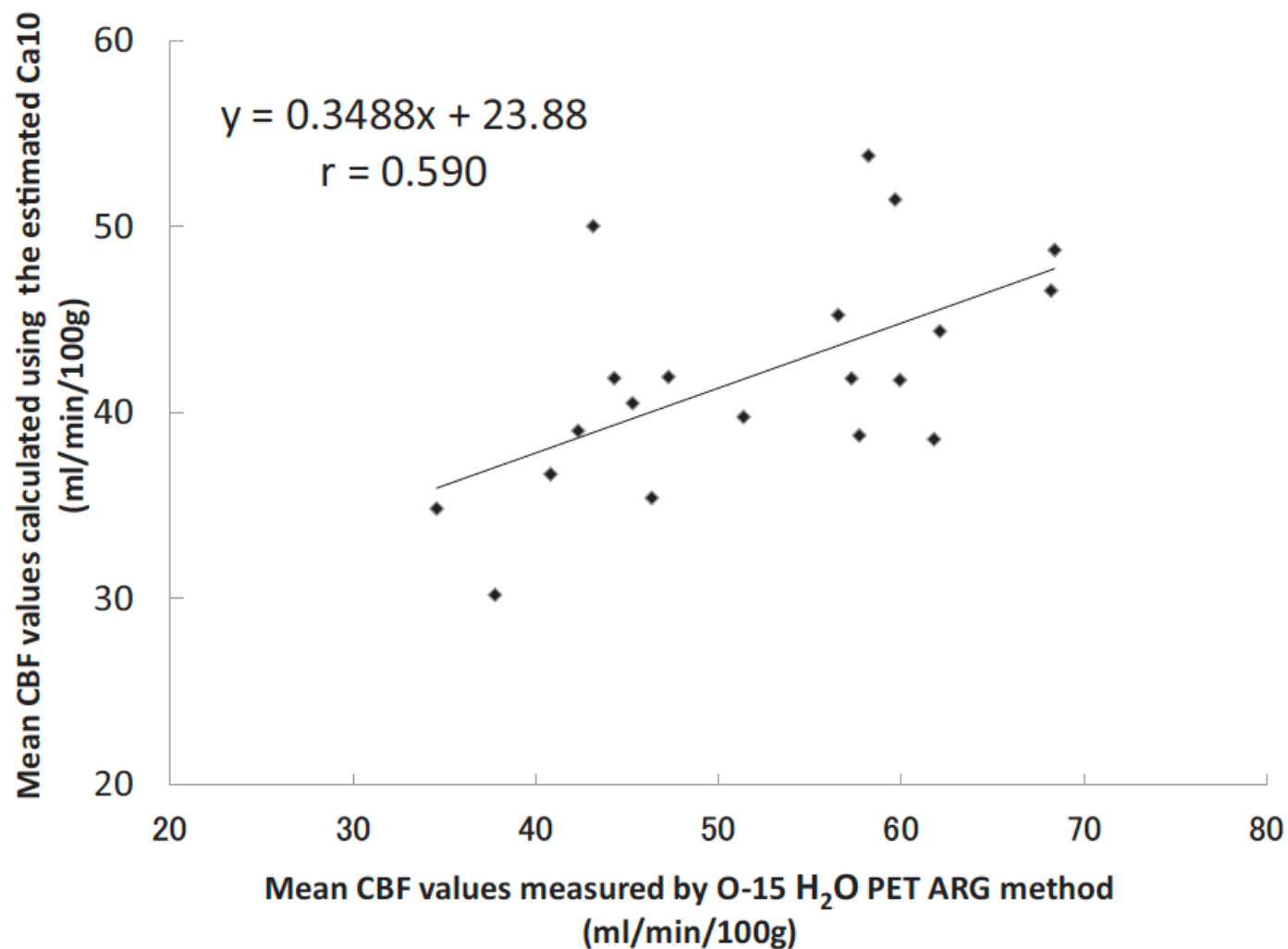


FIGURE 6. Comparison between the mean CBF values calculated by ¹²³I IMP ARG method using the estimated Ca10 and those measured by O-15 H₂O PET ARG method.

Estimation of regional cerebral blood flow using N-isopropyl-p-¹²³I iodoamphetamine acquisition data from the lungs and brain

An improved non-invasive technique

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Keywords

Cerebral blood flow, ¹²³I IMP, ¹⁵O-H₂O, SPECT, PET

Summary

Aim: Previously, we devised a method for estimating ¹²³I labeled N-isopropyl-p-iodoamphetamine (¹²³I IMP) arterial blood activity at 10 minutes after intravenous injection of ¹²³I IMP (Ca10) without any blood sampling using ¹²³I IMP autoradiography (ARG) acquisition data, and verified its usefulness for quantification of regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF). In this study, we attempted to develop an improved noninvasive method for estimating rCBF. **Patients, methods:** ¹²³I IMP studies with 23 patients and ¹⁵O-H₂O positron emission tomography (PET) ARG studies with 20 patients were evaluated. Multiple regression analysis was used to estimate an integral of the arterial blood counts during the time after injection of ¹²³I IMP (fCa) using parameters from the time series of the lung counts and brain counts as the explanatory variables and the fraction [brain single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT)

average count / the mean of rCBFs (mean CBF measured by ¹⁵O-H₂O PET ARG method) as the objective variable. **Results:** The regression equation was as follows: Estimated fCa = $(7.09 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \text{Cb12}) - (1.57 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{CbpreSPECT}) + (9.48 \times 10^{-5} \cdot \text{CbpostSPECT}) + (1.35 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L15}) - (6.95 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L33}) + (7.61 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L81}) - (0.417)$, where Cb12: brain count at 12 minutes, Cbpre-SPECT: brain count before SPECT, Cbpost-SPECT: brain count after SPECT, L15, L33, and L81: lung count at 15, 33, and 81 seconds, respectively. The mean CBF values (ml/min/100g) calculated using the estimated fCa values more closely correlated with those measured by ¹⁵O-H₂O PET ARG method ($r = 0.833$, $p < 0.01$) than those obtained by our previous method ($r = 0.590$, $p < 0.01$). **Conclusion:** The rCBFs obtained by this method approximated more accurately to the values measured by ¹⁵O-H₂O PET ARG method than those obtained by our previous method.

Schlüsselwörter

¹²³I IMP, ¹⁵O-H₂O, SPECT, PET

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Zusammenfassung

Ziel: In einer früheren Arbeit wurde eine Methode vorgestellt, ohne Blutentnahmen die Aktivität von ¹²³I-markiertem N-Isopropyl-p-Iodoamphetamin (¹²³I-IMP) im arteriellen Blut 10 Minuten nach intravenöser Injektion abzuschätzen (Ca10), und deren Nutzen zur Quantifizierung des regionalen zerebralen Blutflusses (rCBF) mittels ¹²³I-IMP-Autoradiographie (ARG) verifiziert. In dieser Studie wurde versucht, eine verbesserte, nicht-invasive Methode zur Schätzung des rCBF zu entwickeln. **Patienten, Methoden:** Untersuchungen mit ¹²³I-IMP an 23 Patienten und ¹⁵O-H₂O-Positronenemissionstomographie (PET) ARG an 20 Patienten wurden evaluiert. Zur Abschätzung des Zeitintegrals der Zählrate im arteriellen Blut (fCa) nach Injektion von ¹²³I wurde eine multiple Regressionsanalyse durchgeführt. Dabei wurden Parameter aus den Aufnahmeserien über der Lunge und dem Gehirn als erklärende Variablen verwendet. Zielvariable war der Quotient aus der durchschnittlichen Zählrate des Gehirns in der Einzelphotonen-Emissionscomputertomographie (SPECT) und dem Mittelwert der rCBFs (mittlerer CBF) gemessen mittels ¹⁵O-H₂O-PET-ARG. **Ergebnisse:** Die Regressionsgleichung lautete: geschätztes fCa = $(7.09 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \text{Cb12}) - (1.57 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{CbpreSPECT}) + (9.48 \times 10^{-5} \cdot \text{CbpostSPECT}) + (1.35 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L15}) - (6.95 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L33}) + (7.61 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L81}) - (0.417)$. Dabei ist Cb12 die Zählrate für das Gehirn 12 Minuten p.i., Cbpre-SPECT und Cbpost-SPECT sind die

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Estimation of regional cerebral blood flow using ^{123}I -IMP without any blood sampling: A new method that can be the substitution of ^{15}O -water PET autoradiography method

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O-15 H₂O PET Scan

O-15 H₂O 370 MBq bolus
intravenous injection

90 sec

Brain scan

Arterial blood sampling

I-123 IMP data acquisition
with gamma camera

IMP 222 MBq
intravenous injection

5 min

12 min

13 min

3 min

1 min

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1 min

30 min

45-50 min

1 min

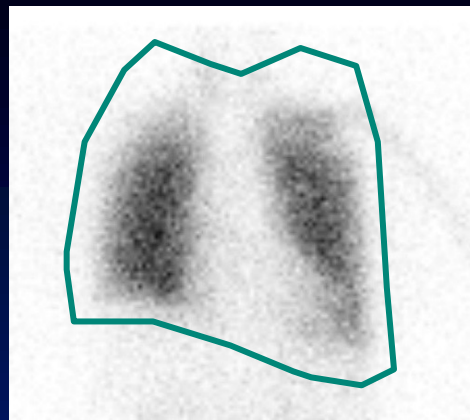
Lung dynamic
image

Brain dynamic and
static image (5 min
and Pre-SPECT)

Brain SPECT

Brain static image
(Post-SPECT)

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Lung planar image taken at approximately 3 min after injection

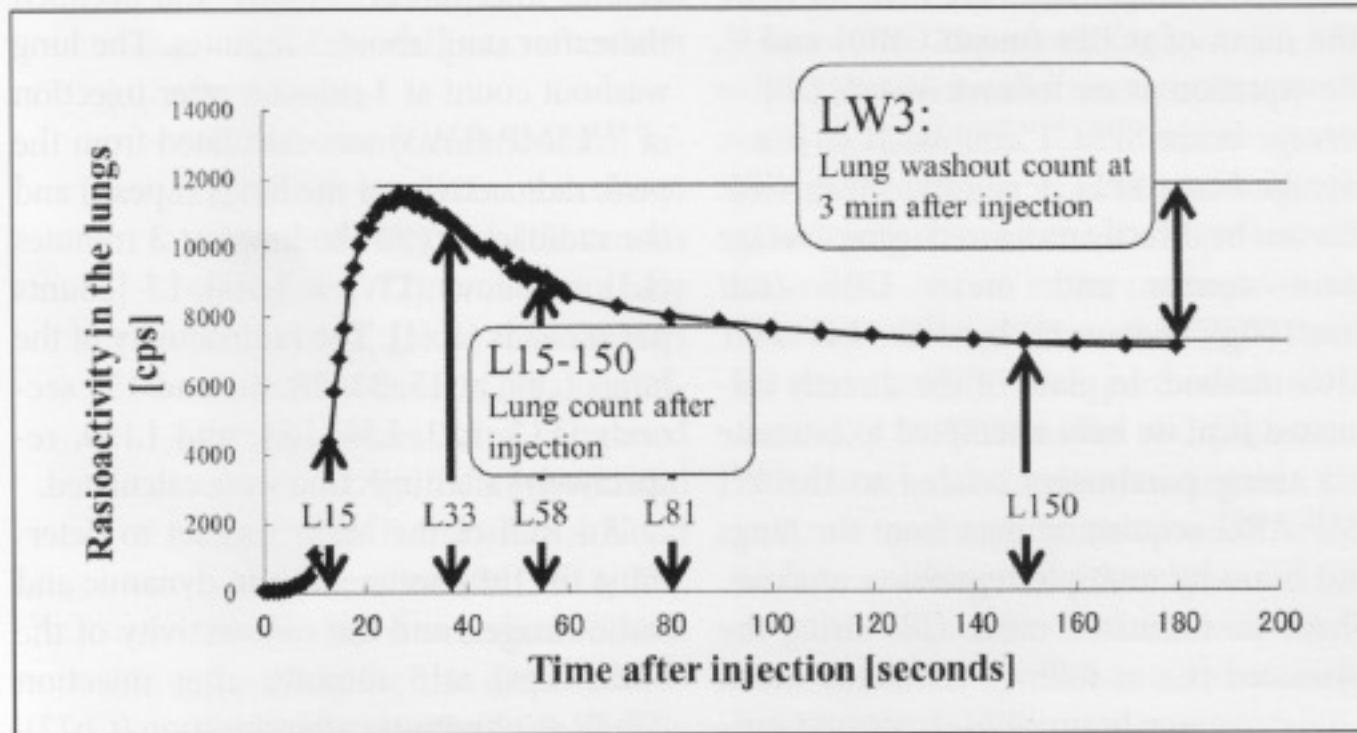
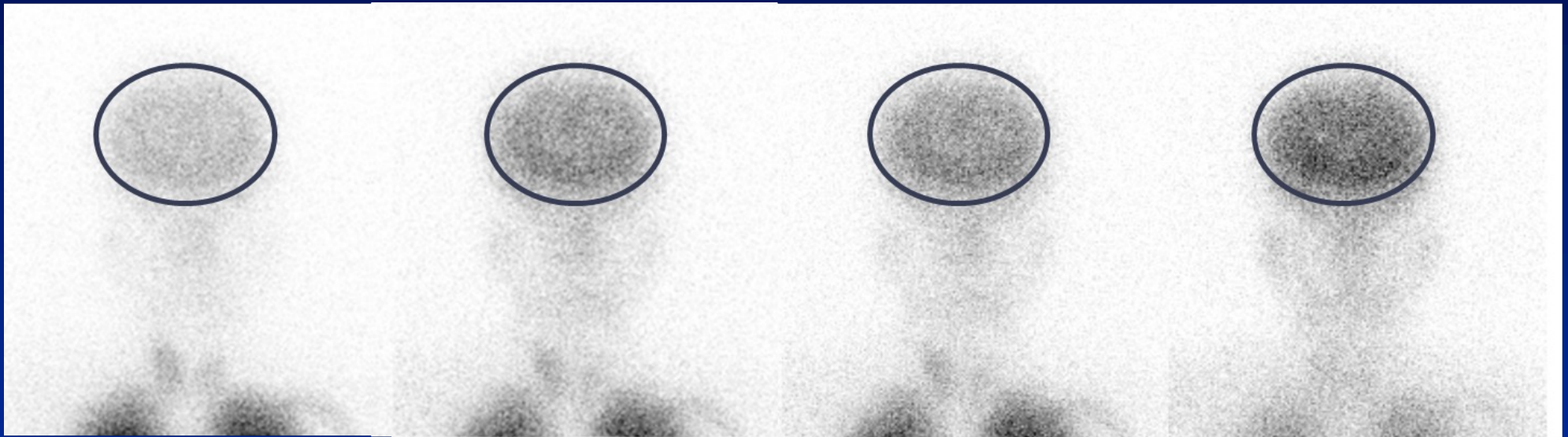


Fig. 2 Time course of the radioactivity of the lungs after intravenous injection of ^{123}I IMP



Brain static images



5 min

Cb 5

12 min

Cb 12

13 min

Cb pre-SPECT

48 min

Cb post-SPECT

Multiple regression analysis

Explanatory variables

LW3: Lung washout count at 3 min after injection

L15: Lung count at 15 sec after injection

L33: Lung count at 33 sec after injection

L58: Lung count at 58 sec after injection

L81: Lung count at 63 sec after injection

L150: Lung count at 133 sec after injection

Cb5: Brain count at 5 min

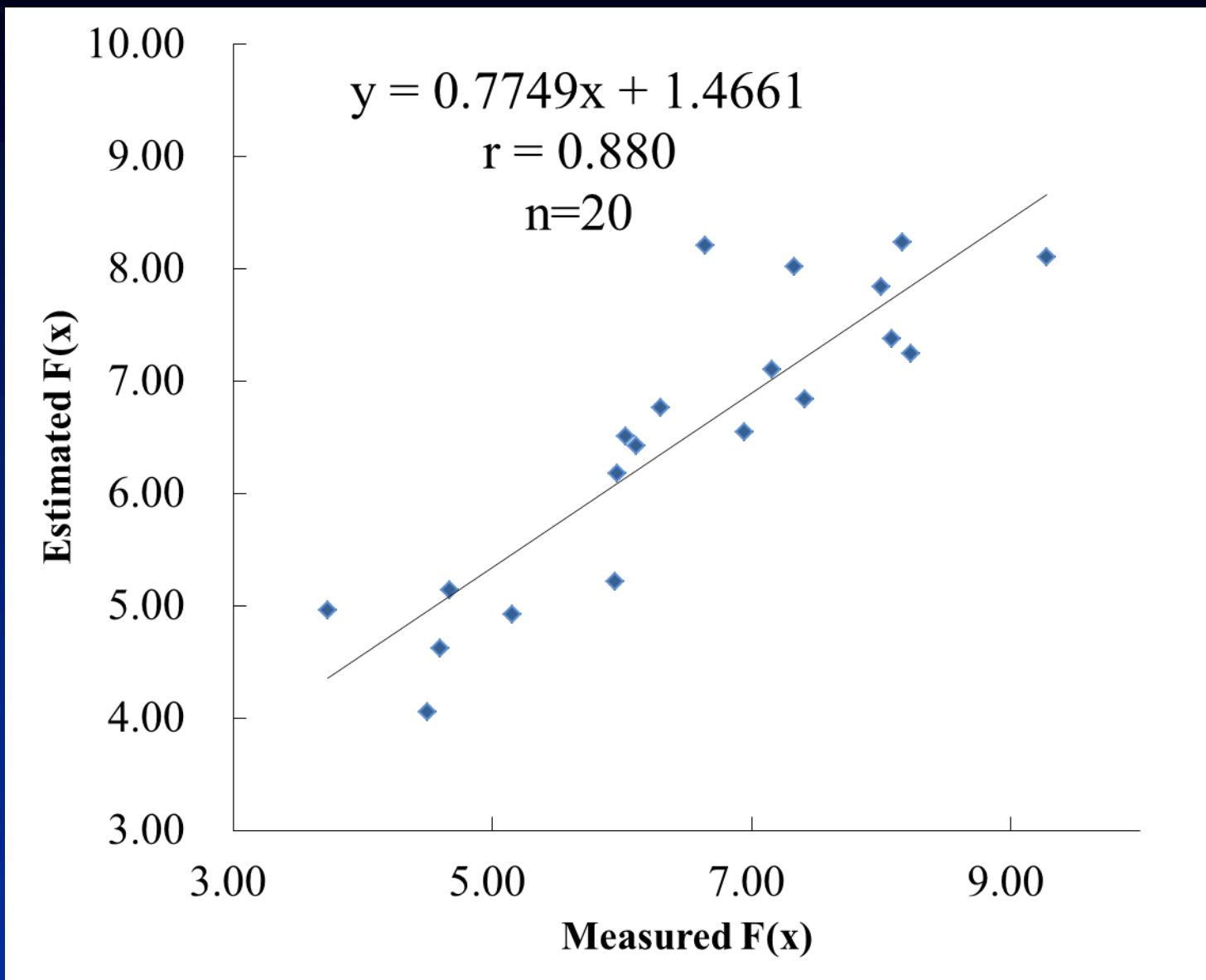
Cb12: Brain count at 12 min

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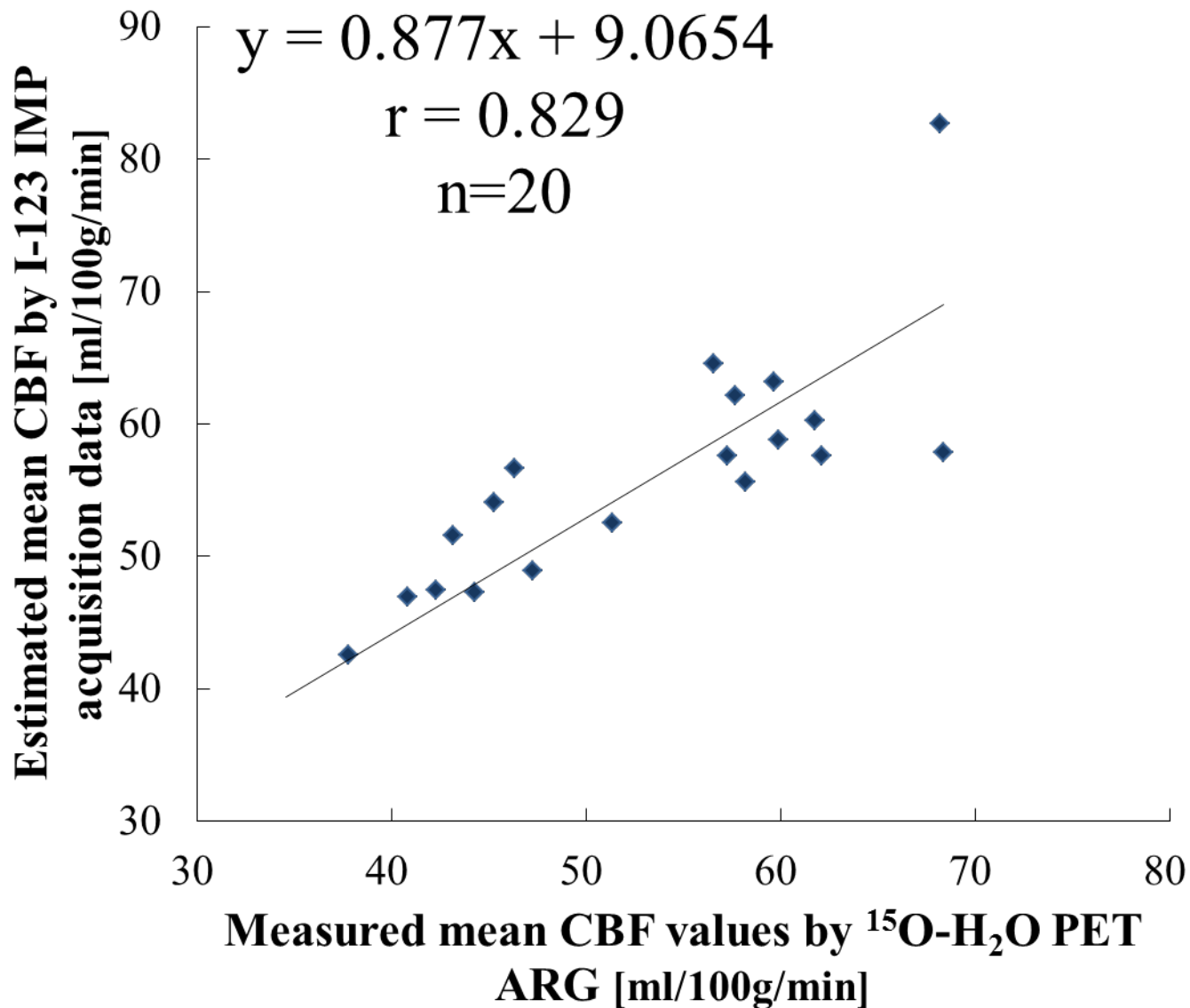
Cbpost-SPECT: Brain count after SPECT

Objective variable

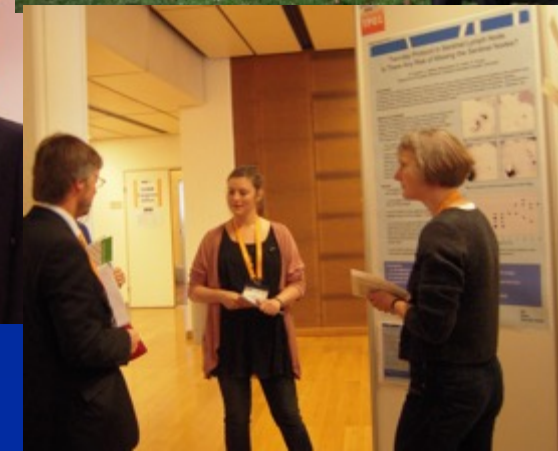
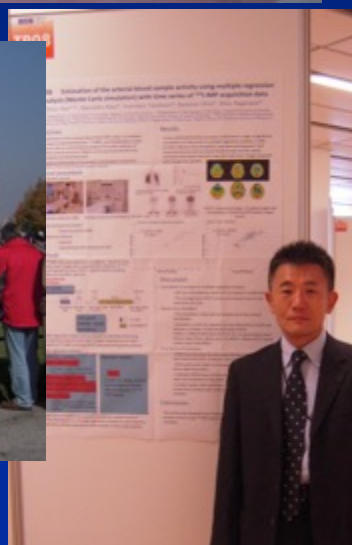
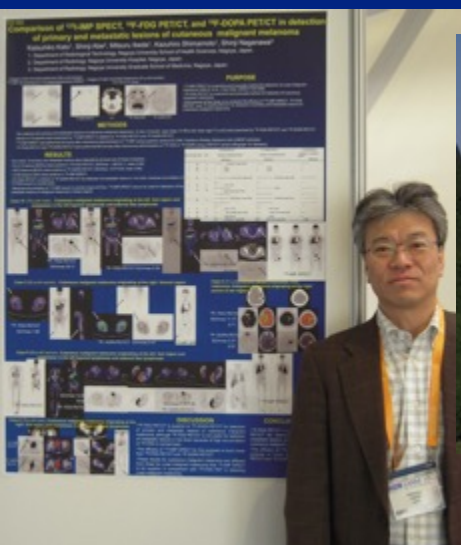
$$F(x) = \text{SPECT average counts} / \text{PET CBF}$$



Estimated $F(x) = -1.57 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{CbpreSPECT} + 9.48 \times 10^{-5} \cdot \text{CbpostSPECT} + 1.35 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L15} - 6.95 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L33} + 7.61 \times 10^{-4} \cdot \text{L81} + 7.09 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \text{Cb12} - 0.417$



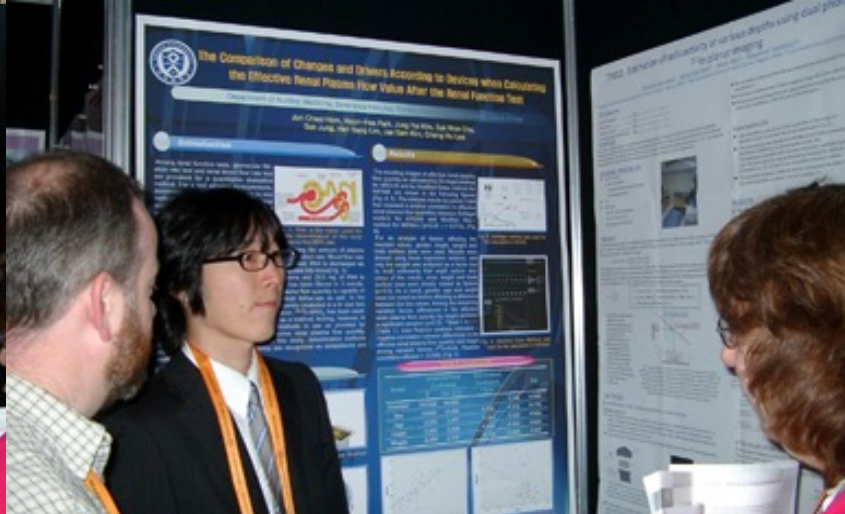
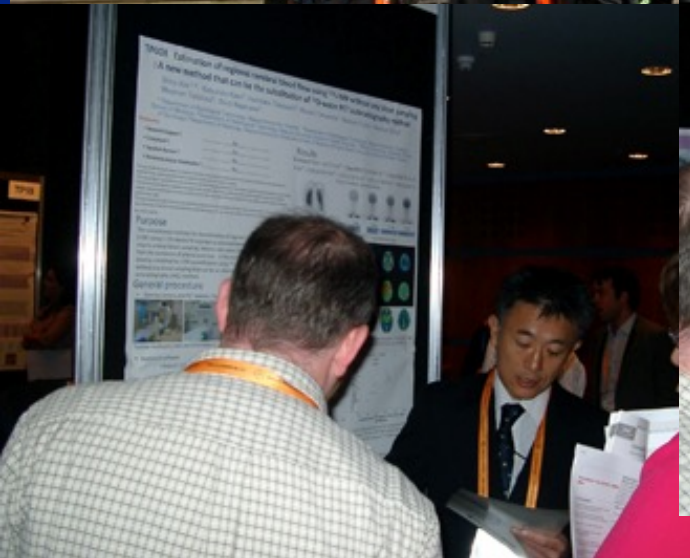
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TP55 The validity of the newly developed noninvasive method for estimating cerebral blood flow using ^{123}I -IMP acquisition data from the lungs and brain

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Background

- The ^{123}I -IMP autoradiography (ARG) method¹ has been well used for quantification of the cerebral blood flow (CBF). This method requires the ^{123}I -IMP activity in the arterial blood sample obtained by arterial puncture at 10 min after IMP injection (Ca10). Arterial puncture is invasive and burden for patients.

¹ Iida H, Itoh H, Nakazawa M, et al. Quantitative mapping of regional cerebral blood flow using iodine-123-IMP and SPECT. J Nucl Med 1994; 35:2019-2030.

- Previously, we devised a method for estimating Ca10 using multiple regression analysis without any blood sampling and proposed the noninvasive ARG method for quantification of CBF (the previous method)². There is a significant correlation between the CBF values obtained by the previous method and those obtained by the ^{15}O -PET method. The previous method does not require any blood sampling, but it needs 5 parameters from ^{123}I -IMP acquisition data.

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- Then we developed a noninvasive method for the estimation of an integral of arterial blood counts of ^{123}I -IMP injection ($\int \text{Ca}$) using 6 parameters from the ^{123}I -IMP acquisition data. The CBF values calculated using the estimated $\int \text{Ca}$ closely correlated with those measured by the ^{15}O -PET method³.

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Purpose

- Recently we devised a more simplified method for estimating Ca10 (this method). The purpose of this study is to evaluate the clinical usefulness of this method for quantification of CBF.

Outline of this study

- I. Calculate the regression equation for estimating Ca10 using multiple regression analysis in 35 patients.
- II. Calculate the estimated Ca10 by applying the regression equation to the other 99 patients.
- III. Calculate the mean CBF values using the estimated Ca10 (mean CBF: the average value of regional CBFs calculated by 3D-SRT).
- IV. Compare between the mean CBF values calculated using the estimated Ca10 and those calculated using the measured Ca10 in each patient group.

Patients

- Consecutive 134 patients underwent brain SPECT for ^{123}I -IMP ARG method for quantification of CBF in Nagoya University Hospital between April 2012 and February 2014.

The study was performed according to the approval of the Ethics Committee of Medicine at Nagoya University for Human studies. (No. 13-318)

Materials

- Gamma camera: Symbia-T (Siemens)
 - Collimator: Low medium energy general purpose (LMEGP)
 - Analysis software: syngo MI Applications VA60A
- Auto-well counter: AccuFLEX γ7000 (Aloka)
- 3D-auto ROI analysis software three-dimensional stereotaxic ROI template (3D-SRT) (Fuji Film RI Pharma)



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Table 1 Profile of patients examined for calculating the regression equation to estimated Ca10

Patients	Age range (mean \pm SD) years	Male /female	Number
Parkinson's disease	55-80 (69.13 \pm 7.31)	10/13	23
Common or internal carotid artery occlusion or stenosis	21-77 (58.80 \pm 21.74)	4/1	5
Moyamoya disease	17-45 (31 \pm 19.80)	0/3	2
Cerebral infraction	42 (42 \pm 0.00)	3/0	3
Common carotid artery dissection	65	1/0	1
Middle cerebral artery stenosis	77	1/0	1
Total	17-80 (62.76 \pm 15.32)	19/16	35

Fig.1 Outline of the procedure of ^{123}I -IMP data acquisition in this method

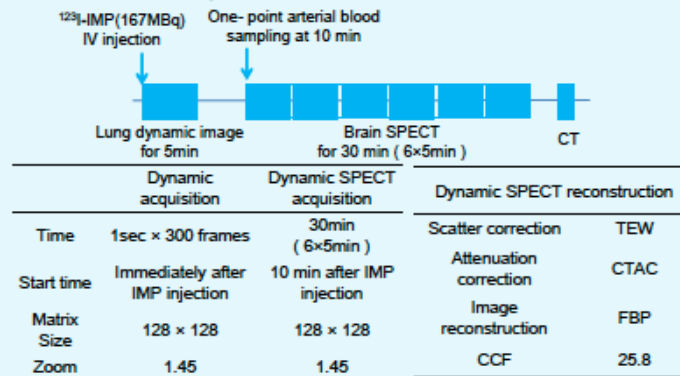
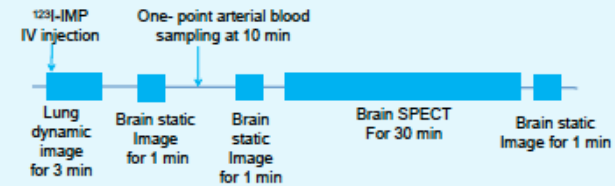


Fig.2 Outline of the procedure of ^{123}I -IMP data acquisition in the previous method



- The previous method requires lung dynamic image, three times of brain static images and brain SPECT.

Fig.3 Multiple regression analysis to calculate the regression equation in 35 patients

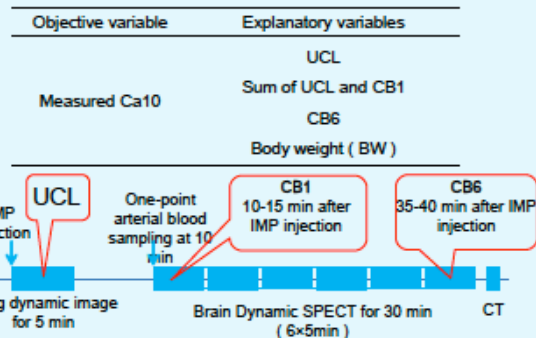


Fig.4 The area under the time-activity curve of the lungs (UCL)

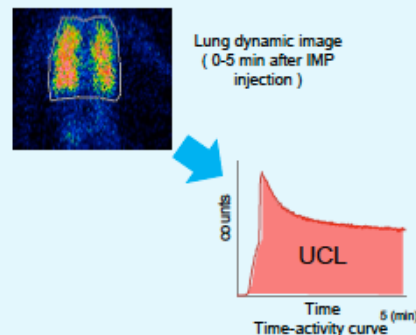
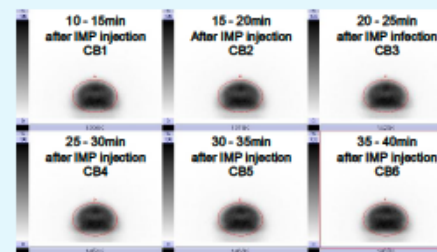


Fig.5 The counts of brain projection data (CB)



The regression equation for estimating Ca10

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Estimated Ca10} &= 1070.1 + 2.17 \times 10^{-3}a - 8.08b \\ &\quad - 2.23 \times 10^{-3}c + 2.47 \times 10^{-3}d \end{aligned}$$

(a:UCL, b:BW, c:UCL+CB1, d:CB6)

This method can provide the estimated Ca10 values equivalent to those obtained by the previous method. The correlation coefficients between the estimated Ca10 and the measured Ca10 is obtained by this method ($r = 0.894$) and the previous method (0.907) are nearly equal.



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Apply the regression equation to 99 patients of with different diseases

Estimated Ca10

$$= 1070.1 + 2.17 \times 10^{-3}a - 8.08b \\ - 2.23 \times 10^{-3}c + 2.47 \times 10^{-3}d \\ (a:UCL, b:BW, c:UCL+CB1, d:CB6)$$

Patients	Age range (mean \pm SD) years	Male/Female	Number
Parkinson's disease	49-78 (68.55 \pm 6.74)	9/20	29
Common or internal carotid artery occlusion or stenosis	49-81 (68.75 \pm 9.11)	29/3	32
Moyamoya disease	25-66 (40.29 \pm 12.44)	3/11	14
Cerebral infarction	36-71 (51.92 \pm 12.24)	5/7	12
Others ^{*4}	38-79 (55.08 \pm 13.58)	3/9	12
Total	25-81 (60.97 \pm 14.40)	49/50	99

^{*4}others : middle cerebral artery occlusion or stenosis, aortitis syndromes, motor neuron disease, essential tremor, spinocerebellar degeneration, dementia, amnesia, homonymous hemianopsia

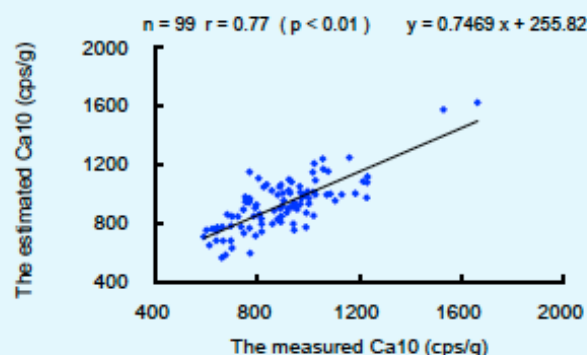


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Results

Fig.6 Comparison between the estimated Ca10 and the measured Ca10 in the total 99 patients



Comparison between the mean CBF values calculated using the estimated Ca10 and those calculated using the measured Ca10

Table 3 Correlation coefficients between the mean CBF values calculated using the estimated Ca10 and those calculated using the measured Ca10 in each patient group

Patients		Correlation coefficient (p < 0.01)
Parkinson' disease	(n=29)	0.795
Common or internal carotid artery occlusion or stenosis	(n=32)	0.784
Moyamoya disease	(n=14)	0.624
Cerebral infarction	(n=12)	0.771
Others	(n=12)	0.851
Total	(n=99)	0.785

Fig.7 Parkinson's disease

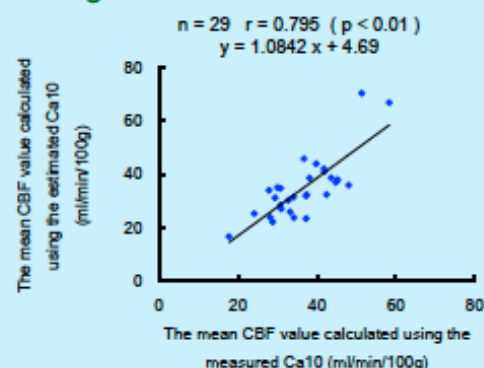


Fig.8 Common or internal carotid artery occlusion or stenosis

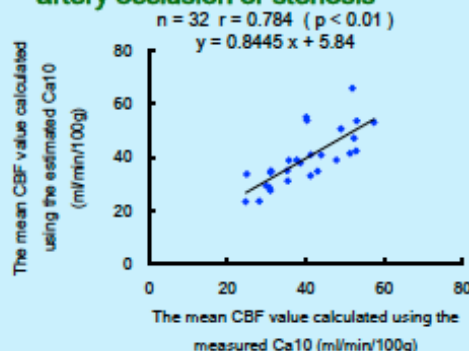


Fig.9 Moyamoya disease

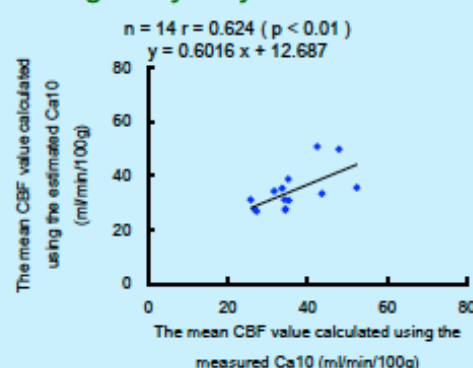


Fig.10 Cerebral infarction

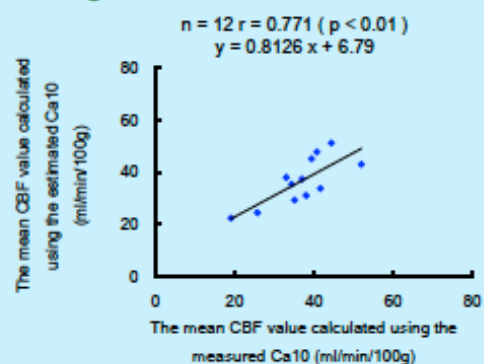


Fig.11 Others

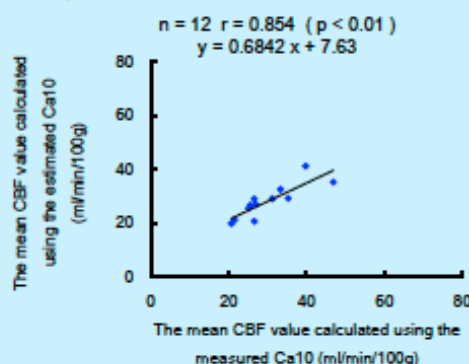
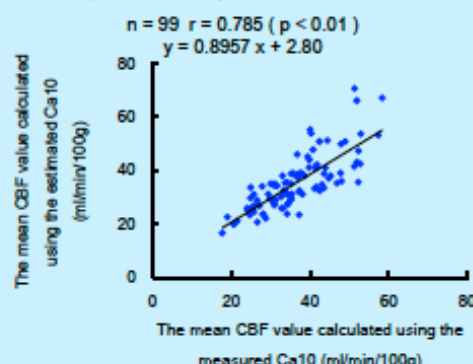


Fig.12 Total patients





Conclusion

- This study verified that the newly developed noninvasive method, which is more simplified than the previous method, can estimate reliably the Ca10 values available for quantification of CBF in different patient groups.

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^{123}I -IMP ARG法による脳血流測定法における 定量性に影響を与える因子に関する検討

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方法

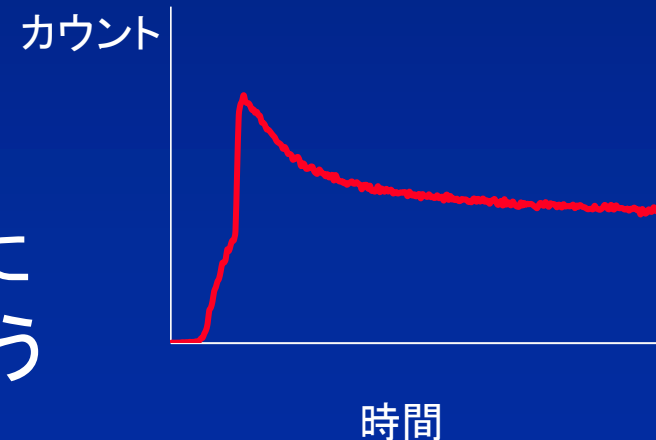
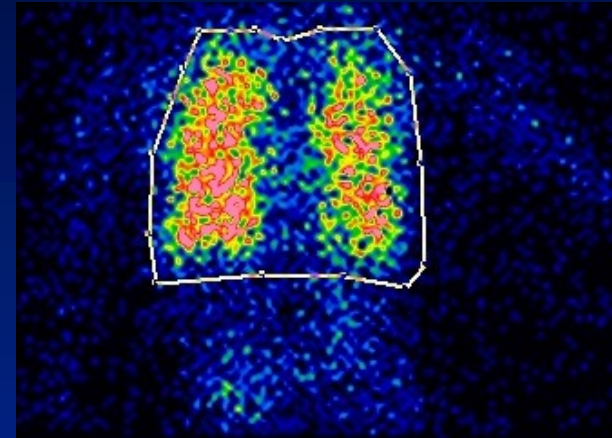
IMP静注後、肺野動態像を
5分間収集する



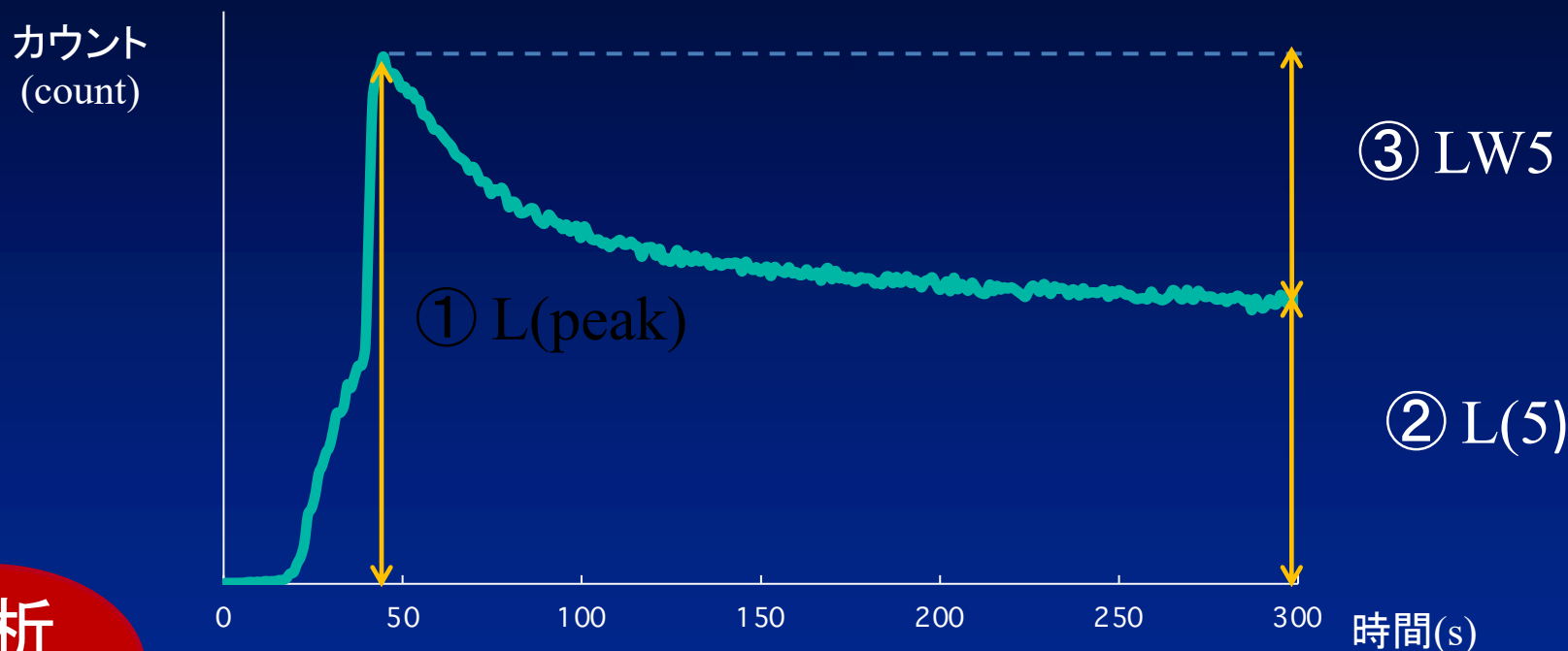
動態像の肺野に関心領域を設定し、肺野の時間放射能曲線 (Time Activity Curve:TAC) を求める



TACの個人差がCa10、
全脳平均脳血流量 (mCBF) に
与える影響について検討を行う



TACの解析における解析因子



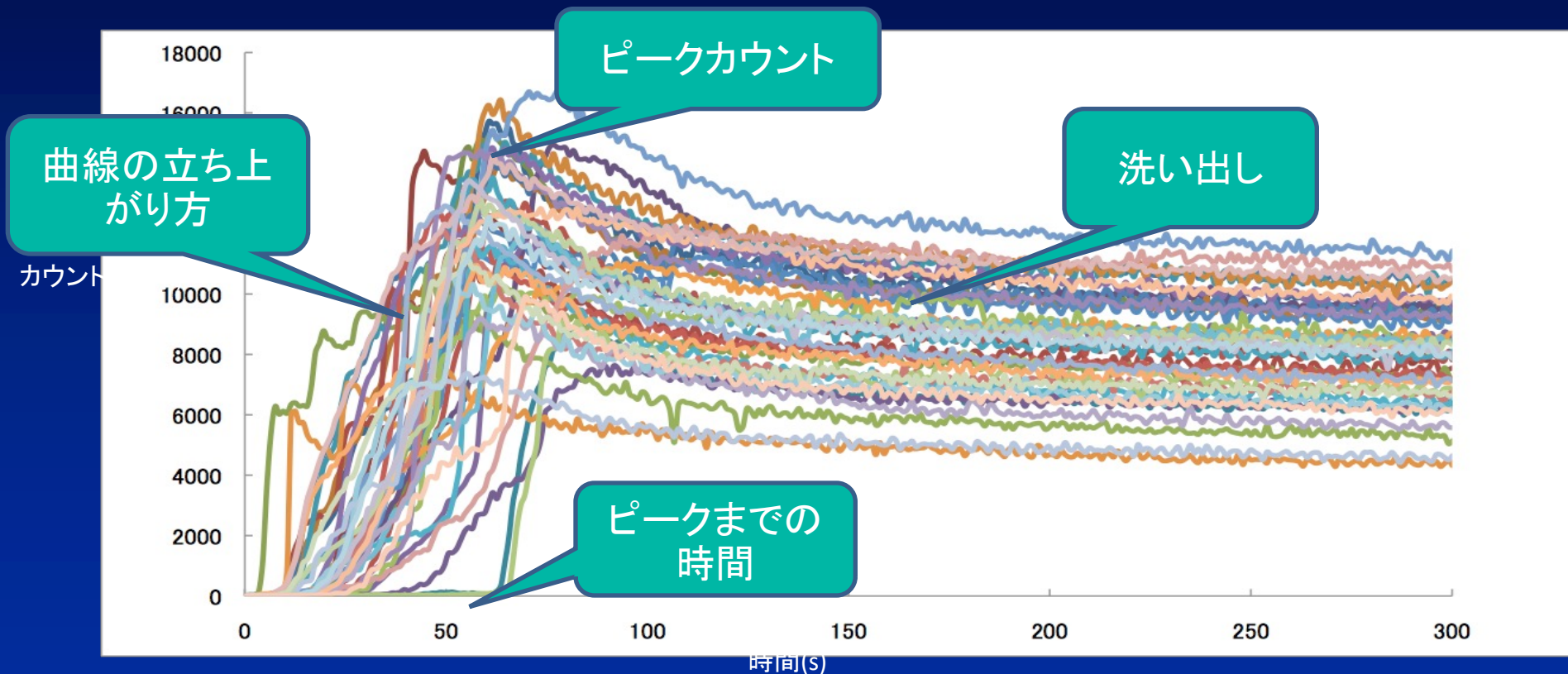
解析因子

- ①ピークカウント: L(peak)
- ②5分時カウント: L(5)
- ③ピークカウントと5分時カウントの差
(lung washout count at 5 min after injection): LW5

肺野の集積に複数のピークがみられた3症例を除外した

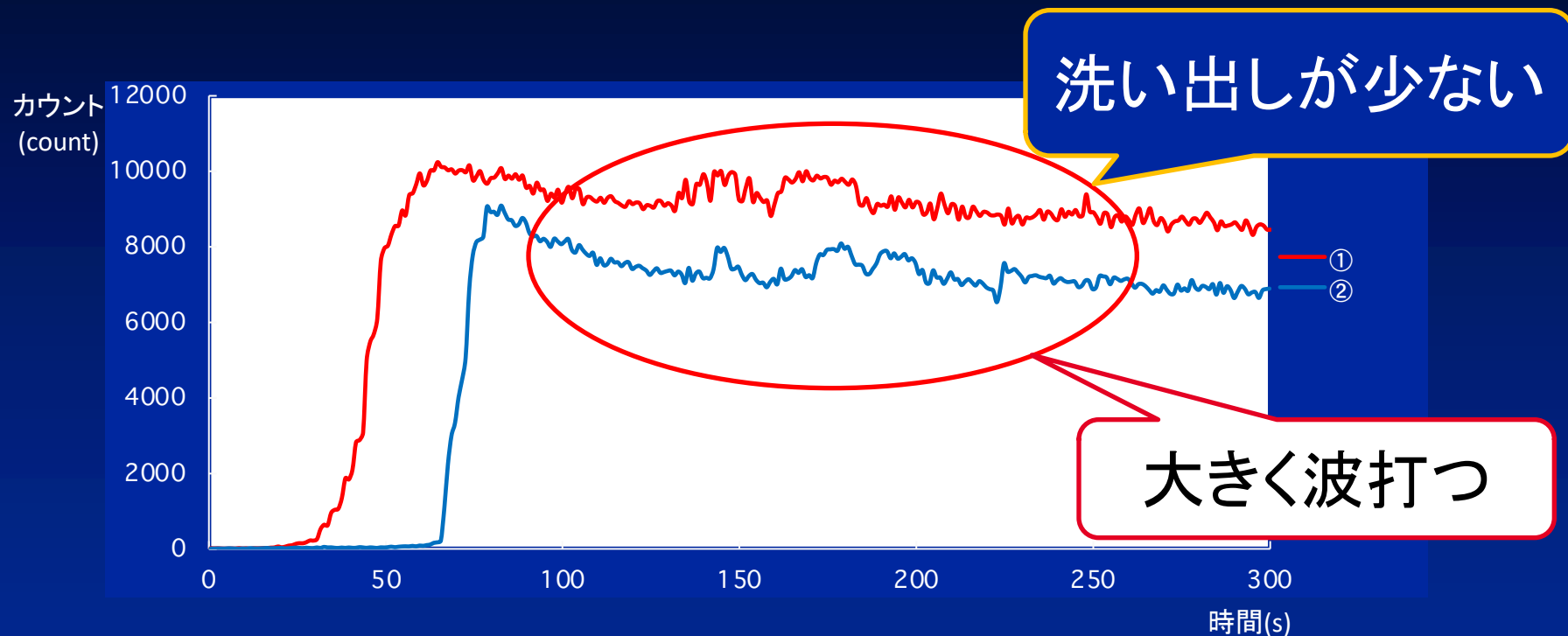
結果

全症例の肺野のTAC



TACは個人差がある

mCBFが低値を示した症例のTAC



	Ca10 (cps/g)	Ca10 平均値 (全被験者) (cps/g)	mCBF (ml/100g/min)	mCBF 平均値(全被験者) (ml/100g/min)
グラフ①	743.74	979.02	15.82	35.07
グラフ②	553.62		20.51	



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1. 諸 言

脳血流シンチグラフィは、脳の血流を評価する検査で、脳血管障害の病態評価、認知症や変性疾患の鑑別診断、癲癇焦点の検出などに役立つ。広く用いられている。脳血流シンチグラフィには定性と定量がある。再構成画像の視覚的な評価に加えて、定量値を考慮することでフォローアップや

治療効果判定に有用である。古くから ¹²³I-N-isopropyl-p-iodoamphetamine (¹²³I-IMP) を使用した定量法にはマイクロスフェア法がある¹⁾。しかし、マイクロスフェア法は持続動脈採血が必要であり、侵襲性が高く、今日では tida が開発した Autoradiography (ARG) 法が広く普及している²⁻⁵⁾。¹²³I-IMP ARG 法は一回の動脈採血で脳血流を定量する簡便な手法であるが、正確な定量値

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東芝 GCA-9300A (SPECT)



SIEMENS Symbia T
(SPECT/CT)

機器更新によって、
SPECT/CT装置を導入した
(2012年3月)



^{123}I -IMP ARG法で用いる画像再構成法+減弱補正法

FBP*+Chang
法



・FBP*+Chang法
・FBP+CTAC**
・OSEM***+CTAC

使用可能な
画像再構成法+減弱補正法
の組み合わせが増えた

* Filtered back projection

** CT based attenuation correction

*** Ordered subset expectation maximization

同一患者でfollow upを行う場合、どの組み合わせを用いるべきか？
画像再構成法+減弱補正法組み合わせで脳血流定量値は変わるのか？
(当時はOSEM法で得られた定量値は懐疑的にみられていたため)

について検証した



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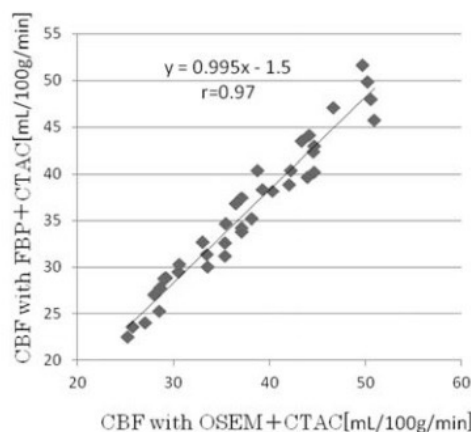
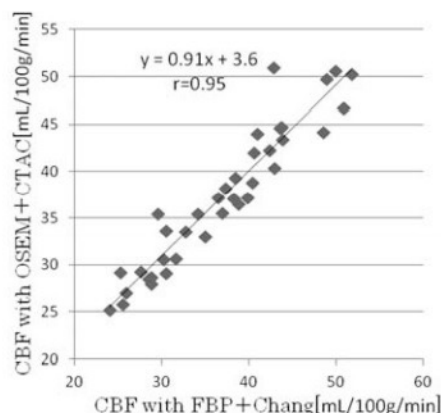
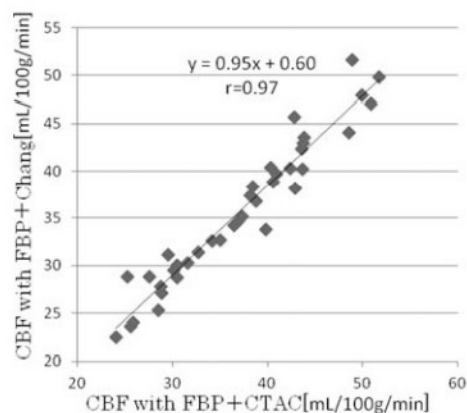


対象患者: 2012年4月から2012年7月までに名古屋大学医学部附属病院にて¹²³I-IMP ARG法を用いて脳血流定量SPECT/CT検査を行った患者38症例

比較する画像再構成法+減弱補正法の組み合わせ: 1) FBP+Chang法
2) FBP+CTAC
3) OSEM+CTAC

1症例につき3種類の定量画像を作成

作成した定量画像から12領域のregional cerebral blood flow (rCBF)と、その平均値であるmean cerebral blood flow (mCBF)を算出,3種類の定量画像間で定量値を比較



組み合わせ間の
mCBFの相関係数
は0.95以上

回帰式も
 $y = x$ に近い

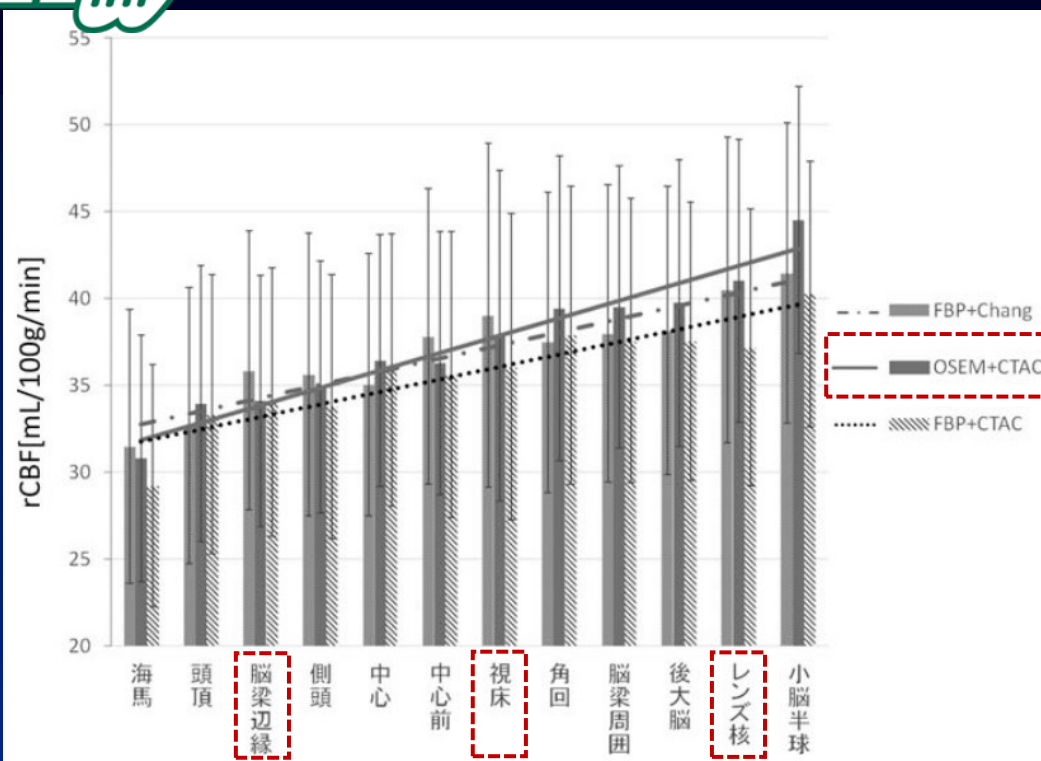
FBP+Chang法
 36.95 ± 7.98

FBP+CTAC
 35.72 ± 7.56

OSEM+CTAC
 37.39 ± 7.42

➡ OSEM+CTACが統計的に有意に高いが、その差は1 mL/100g/min 程度であり、臨床的意義は小さい

※単位はmL/100g/min



OSEM+CTACは全領域でrCBFが高めになる傾向あり

脳梁辺縁, 視床, レンズ核のrCBFは, FBP+Chang法とFBP+CTAC法を比較すると, FBP+Chang法のほうが3 mL/100g/min程度高めになる

Chang法における輪郭が, 実際の頭部サイズより大きかったために, 回転中心に近いほど過補正になったのでは?

mCBF: 画像再構成法や減弱補正法の違いによって定量値が大きく変化しない
rCBF: OSEM+CTACは他の組み合わせと比較して定量値が異なる傾向があり, 定性画像の見え方も変わる

➡ 装置間をまたいで同一患者でfollow upを行う場合, FBP+Chang法をOSEM+CTACに切り替えるのは不適切といえる

FBP+CTACがFBP+Chang法に近いコントラストを持つ定量画像が得られる

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ドパミントランスポータシンチグラフィの 検査標準化に向けた施設および 装置間差の要因に関する検討

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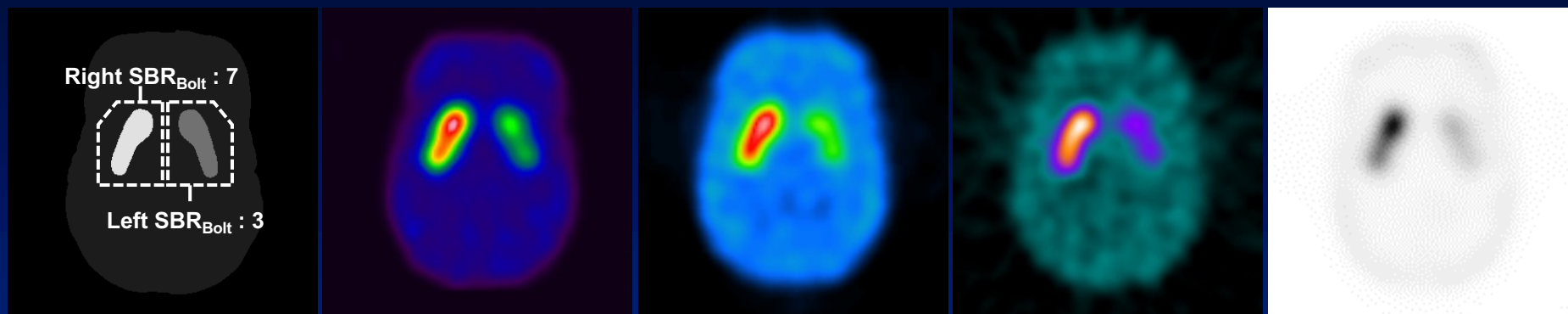
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Summary

Although dopamine transporter scintigraphy with ^{123}I -ioflupane has been widely used in Japan since January 2014, there are actually differences among images acquired in various facilities. We evaluated and compared data about the dose linearity, single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) spatial resolution, and specific binding ratio (SBR) on the images of dopamine transporter scintigraphy obtained from 11 hospitals. Based on the results, we investigated the factors relevant to the differences among facilities and SPECT scanners for realizing the standardization of dopamine transporter scintigraphy. Using 15 SPECT scanners (11 models), SPECT images were acquired according to either the acquisition and reconstruction



ドパミントランスポータシンチグラフィの検査標準化に向けた施設及び装置間差の要因に関する検討



設定SBR*

(CT画像)

施設A

GP系コリメータ

施設B

GP系コリメータ

施設C

GP系コリメータ

施設D

GP系コリメータ

*SBR: specific binding ratio

読影基準, 保有装置の性能には
多様性があるが, 少なくとも診断の差が生
じないような基準作りが必要



まずは施設・装置間でどれくらい違いが
あるのかを調べないと標準化へ進めない
(メーカ推奨条件? 自施設条件?)

東海地方会に所属する施設, 装置/コリメータ毎に性能評価ファントム
および線条体ファントムの画像収集, 解析を行うことで, ドパミントランスポータ
シンチグラフィの標準化にあたり, 施設・装置間差を検証した

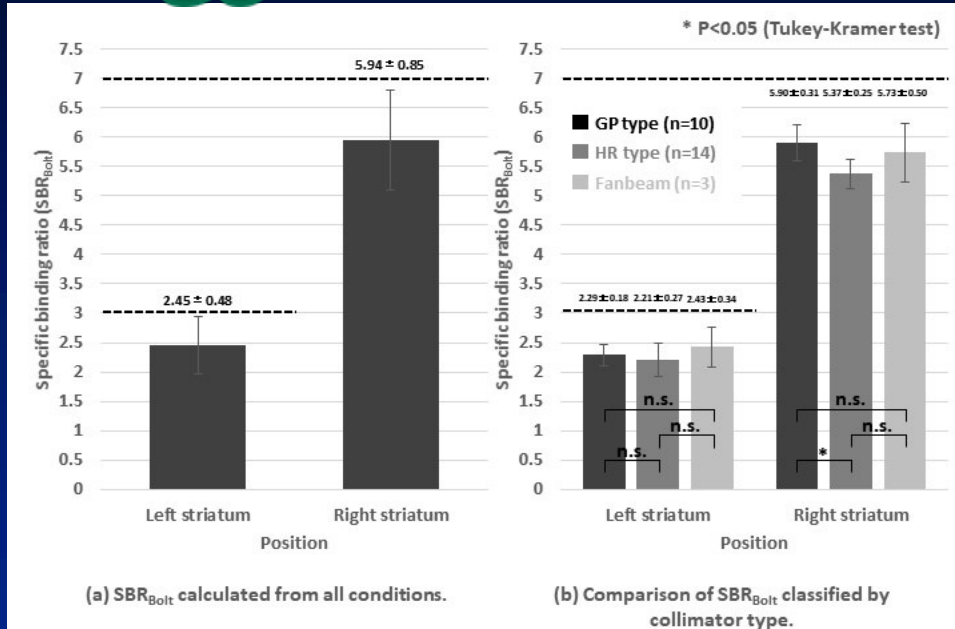
参加施設: 11施設, 使用装置: 11機種 15台, コリメータとの組み合わせ: 28種類

General purpose (GP)系, High resolution (HR)系, Fan beam系に分類



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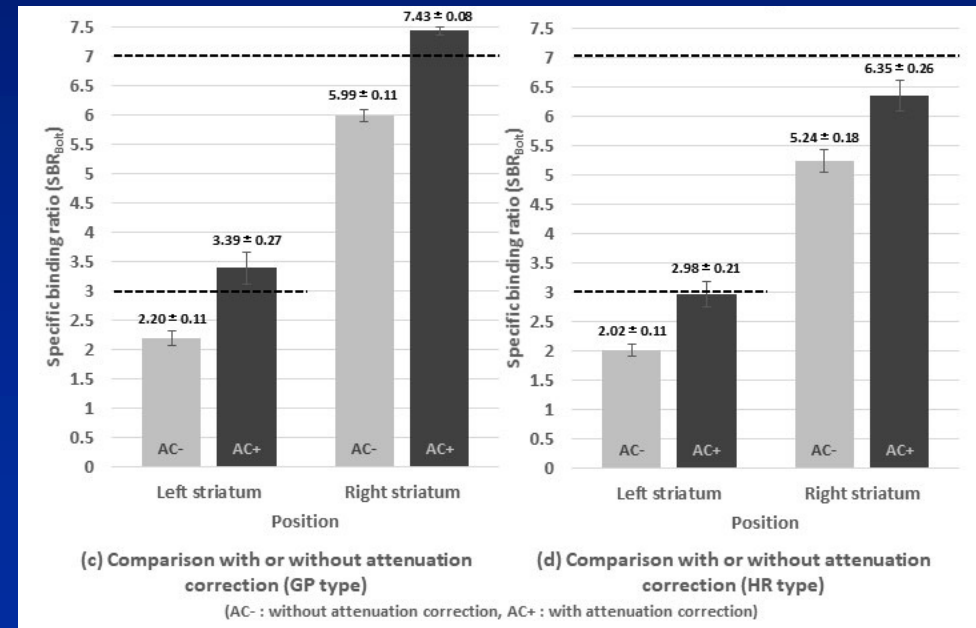
減弱補正の有無による比較

c) GP系コリメータ, d) HR系コリメータ

減弱補正を適用することにより, SBRは1.2から1.5倍程度の上昇があり, 理論値に近づく傾向が認められた

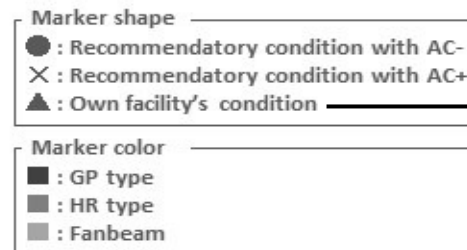
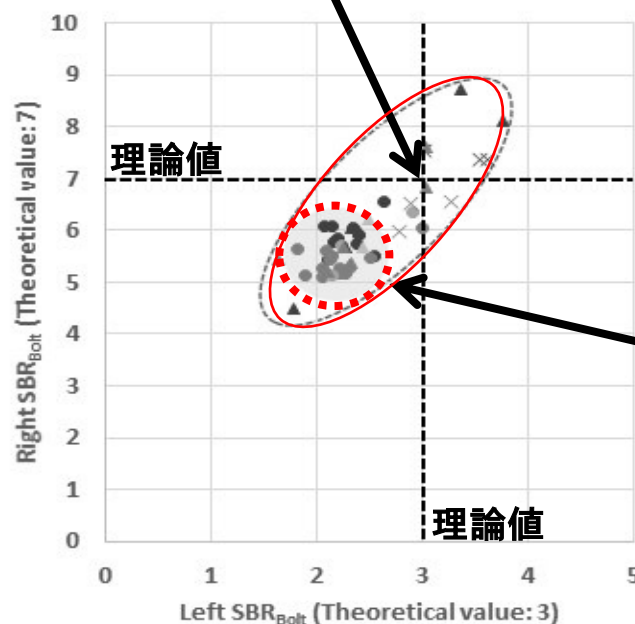
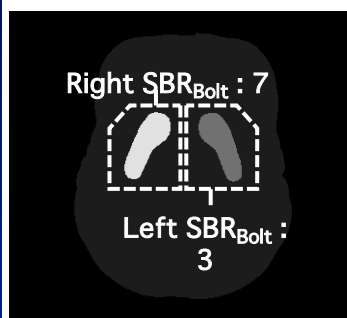
a) 全収集データから算出した平均値は, 理論値よりも低値となった
SBRが高値なほどばらつきが増加する傾向がある

b) 減弱補正を適用していない推奨条件にて得られた条件を抽出し, コリメータ群ごとに分類すると, SBRが低値であれば三群間に有意差は認められなかったが, 高値では, GP系コリメータとHR系コリメータに統計的有意差が認められた





各施設で検討した自施設条件群(▲記号)や減弱補正を適用した推奨条件群(×記号)では,理論値の交点に近づいている



推奨条件施設条件

推奨条件(●記号)より算出したSBRは,赤点線内に集簇している
※ただし,理論値から乖離は生じる

すべての条件が混在すると,SBRのばらつきは赤線で囲む範囲のように広がってしまう

撮像・処理条件を限定することにより,理論値との乖離は少なからず生じてしまうものの,条件間のばらつきは低減できるため,検査標準化の観点からすれば,撮像・処理条件を限定することは効果的である

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ドパミントランスポータシンチグラフィにおける **Specific Binding Ratio** の空間分解能依存性に関する解析的検証

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Summary

We analytically verified the spatial resolution dependence of the specific binding ratio (SBR) excluding the variation factors (e.g. image noise) of the actual measured images by using a numerical phantom with various spatial resolution. Firstly, we created a numerical striatal phantom based on the Talairach atlas. Then, numerical phantom images with various spatial resolutions were obtained by applying three dimensional Gaussian filter to above numerical striatal phantom. Based on the method of Bolt et al. SBR_{Bolt} were calculated from numerical phantom images, we investigated the variability of SBR_{Bolt} and its factors accompanying the change of spatial resolution. As a result, in numerical phantom images simulating various spatial resolutions, SBR_{Bolt} tended to decrease with the spatial resolution deterioration. The SBR_{Bolt} decreased by about 3% from the theoretical value at the spatial resolution corresponding to the clinical condition (full width at half maximum : FWHM is about 13 mm). When the spatial resolution was further deteriorated (FWHM is about 20 to 30 mm), the SBR_{Bolt} decreased by 10 to 30% from the theoretical value. Although SBR_{Bolt} is a calculation method that considers partial volume effect due to spatial resolution deterioration, it was revealed that SBR_{Bolt} has spatial resolution dependence in this paper.

Key words : Dopamine transporter scintigraphy, Specific binding ratio (SBR), Spatial resolution, Numerical striatal phantom

1. 緒 言

^{123}I -ioflupane を用いたドパミントランスポータ

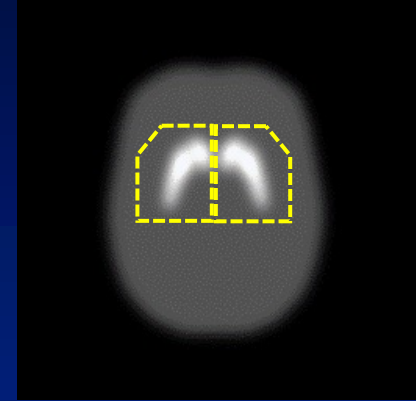
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ドパミントランスポータシンチグラフィにおける Specific Binding Ratioの空間分解能依存性に関する解析的検証

$$SBR_{Bolt} = \left(1/V_s\right) \left\{ Ct_{VOI}/C_r - V_{VOI} \right\}$$

- V_s : The volume of striatum
- Ct_{VOI} : The total counts in the striatal VOI
- C_r : The counts concentration in the reference region
- V_{VOI} : The volume of the striatum VOI



SPECT画像の低い空間分解能に起因する**部分容積効果の**
影響を低減するために導入された手法

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※国内ではDaTViewで得られるSBRが該当する





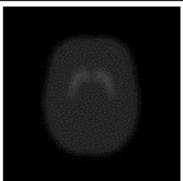
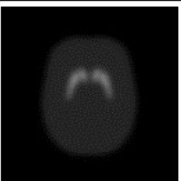

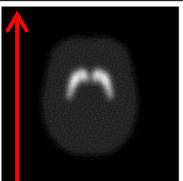
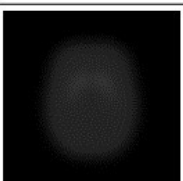
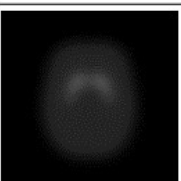
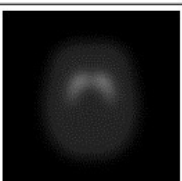
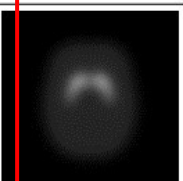
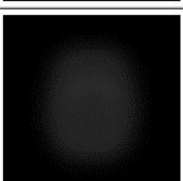
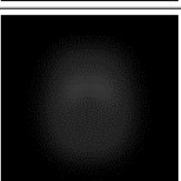
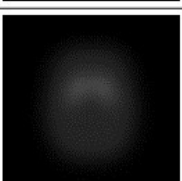
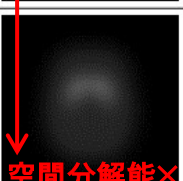
撮像・処理条件といった複合的な変化による検討は多く行われているが、
 SBR_{Bolt} の空間分解能固有の依存性に関する知見は得られていない

**画像処理により空間分解能を変化させた数値ファントムを用いることで、
実測画像の持つ変動要素を排除した SBR_{Bolt} の空間分解能依存性について、
解析的な検証を行った**



藤田, 他. ドパミントランスポータシンチグラフィにおけるSpecific Binding Ratioの空間分解能依存性に関する解析的検証. 核医学技術. 2018; 38(2): 191-198.

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	Expected SBR _{Bolt} : 1	Expected SBR _{Bolt} : 3	Expected SBR _{Bolt} : 5	Expected SBR _{Bolt} : 7
Original image (No Filter)				
FWHM of kernel : 10 mm				
FWHM of kernel : 20 mm				
FWHM of kernel : 30 mm				

空間分解能○

空間分解能×

Voxel size	2 mm × 2 mm × 2 mm
Number of matrix (Transaxial direction)	128 × 128
Number of slice (Longitudinal direction)	55
Background count	50 (const.)
Striatal counts	100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400
Expected SBR _{Bolt}	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
FWHM of kernel [mm]	No Filter, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30
Number of phantom type	105 types

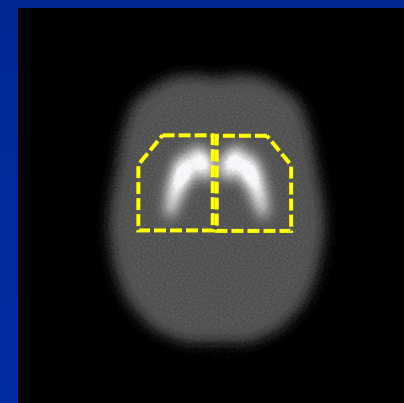
異なるSBR_{Bolt}における空間分解能依存性を検証するために、SBR_{Bolt}が1～7の7通りのコントラストを有する画像を用意
(original image)



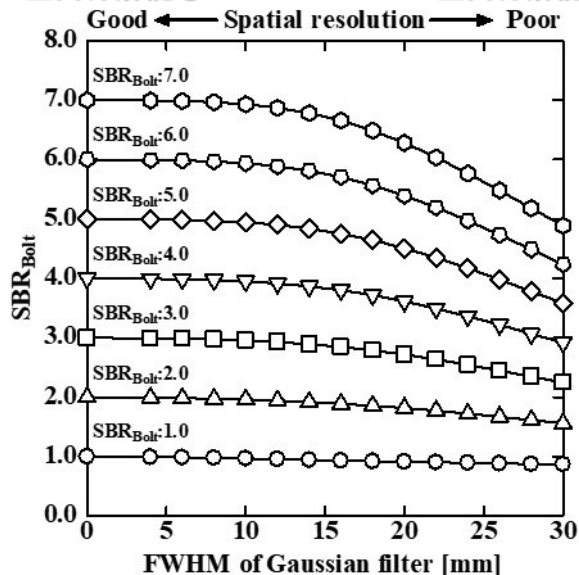
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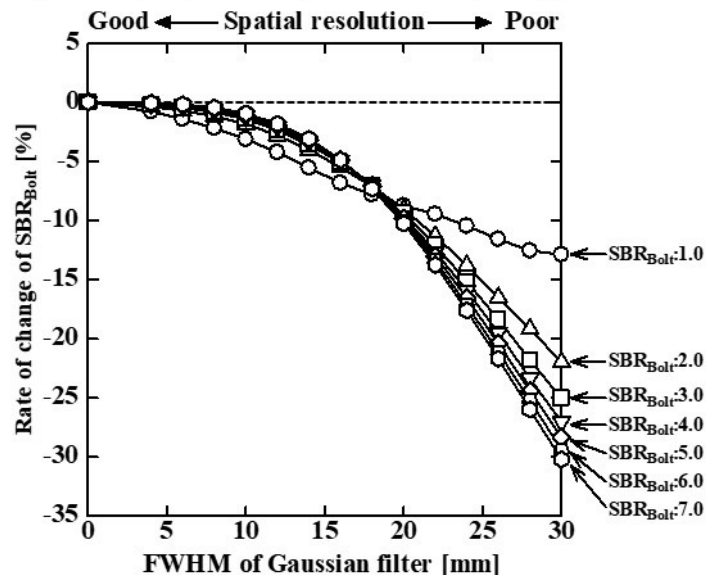
得られた線条体数値ファントムから左右SBR_{Bolt}を算出し、その平均値を各画像に対するSBR_{Bolt}とした



空間分解能○ 空間分解能×



(a) Relationship of the spatial resolution (FWHM of Gaussian filter) and SBR_{Bolt}



(b) Relationship of the spatial resolution (FWHM of Gaussian filter) and rates of change of SBR_{Bolt} . Each rates of change of SBR_{Bolt} were obtained by $100 \times (\text{measured } SBR_{Bolt} - \text{expected } SBR_{Bolt}) / \text{expected } SBR_{Bolt}$.

- ・空間分解能が劣化すると SBR_{Bolt} は減少
- ・設定した SBR_{Bolt} が大きい値ほど,空間分解能劣化に伴う SBR_{Bolt} 減少の程度も大きくなる



理論値に対する実測値の比による比較

各空間分解能における

SBR_{Bolt} の実測値

[%]

SBR_{Bolt} の理論値(基準値)

- ・FWHM*: 10mmでは約2%の低下
- ・FWHM: 20mmでは約10%の低下を認めた

*FWHM: full width at half maximum

部分容積効果を考慮して算出される SBR_{Bolt} であるが,空間分解能依存性が少なからず存在することを考慮したうえでの使用が望まれる

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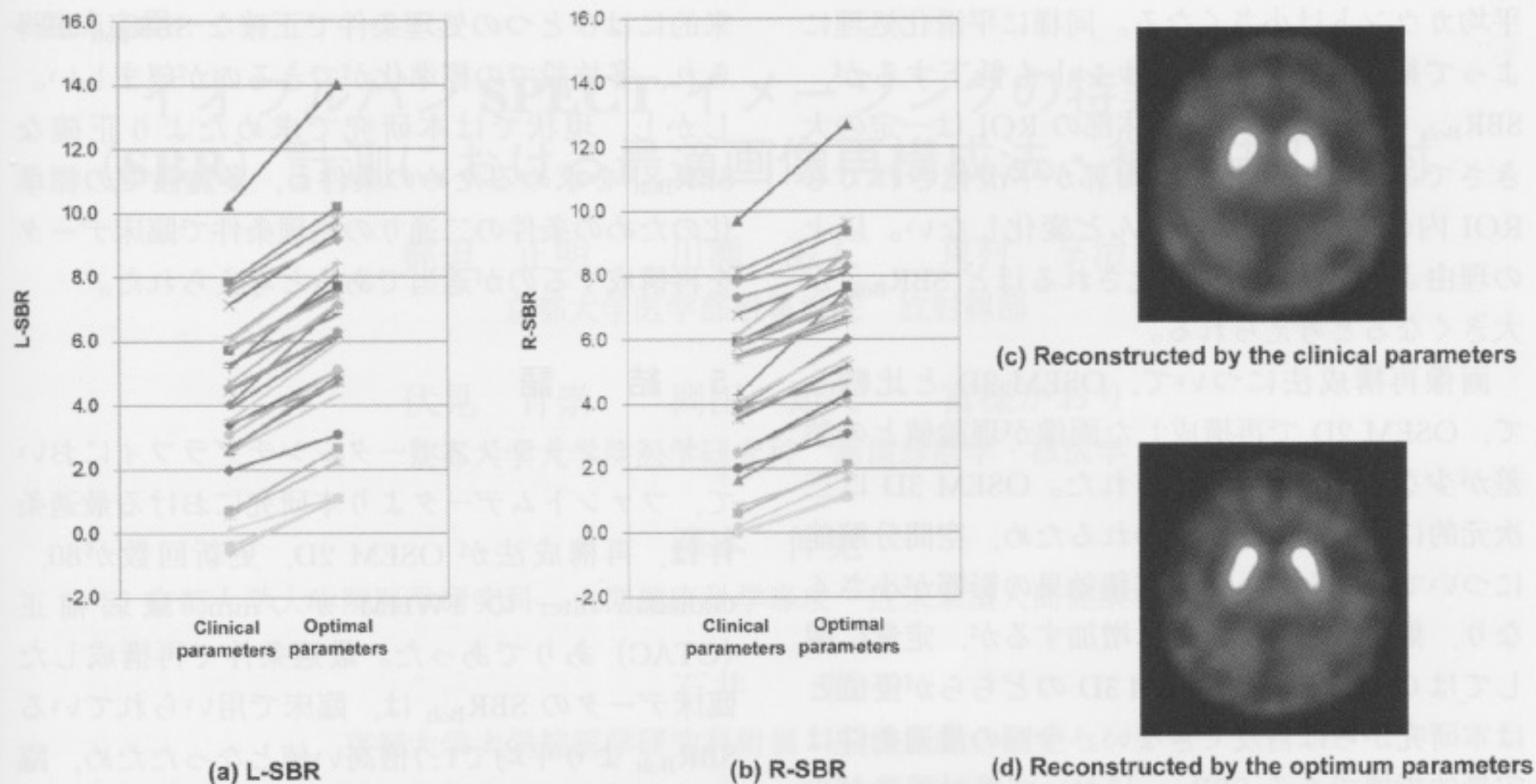
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Summary

Tracer accumulation in dopamine transporter scintigraphy is evaluated by visual assessment and quantitative measurements such as the specific binding ratio (SBR). SBR is changed by the acquisition and reconstruction parameters of SPECT imaging. To eliminate the difference in SBR among facilities or SPECT scanners, SPECT images were acquired according to the standardized acquisition and reconstruction parameters (clinical parameters). We determined the optimal acquisition and reconstruction parameters (optimal parameters) to obtain the correct SBR. Using the striatum phantom in which SBR of left and right striatum was 3 and 7, respectively, SPECT images were acquired by changing five parameters. We decided the optimal parameters to obtain the correct SBR. We compared the image quality and SBR of the patients' images obtained with the clinical and optimal parameters. The optimal parameters were as follows: OSEM 2D (subsets: 10, iterations: 8), FWHM of Gaussian filter: 7 mm, and CTAC+. SBR obtained using the optimal parameters was about 1.7 times higher than that obtained using the clinical parameters. The differences in the results obtained using the optimal and clinical parameters seemed mainly due to that in the case of the clinical parameters CTAC was not applied.

Key words: Dopamine transporter scintigraphy, Image reconstruction, Single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), Specific binding ratio (SBR)







ドパミントランスポートタンチグラフィにおける 新規解析手法の有用性の検討

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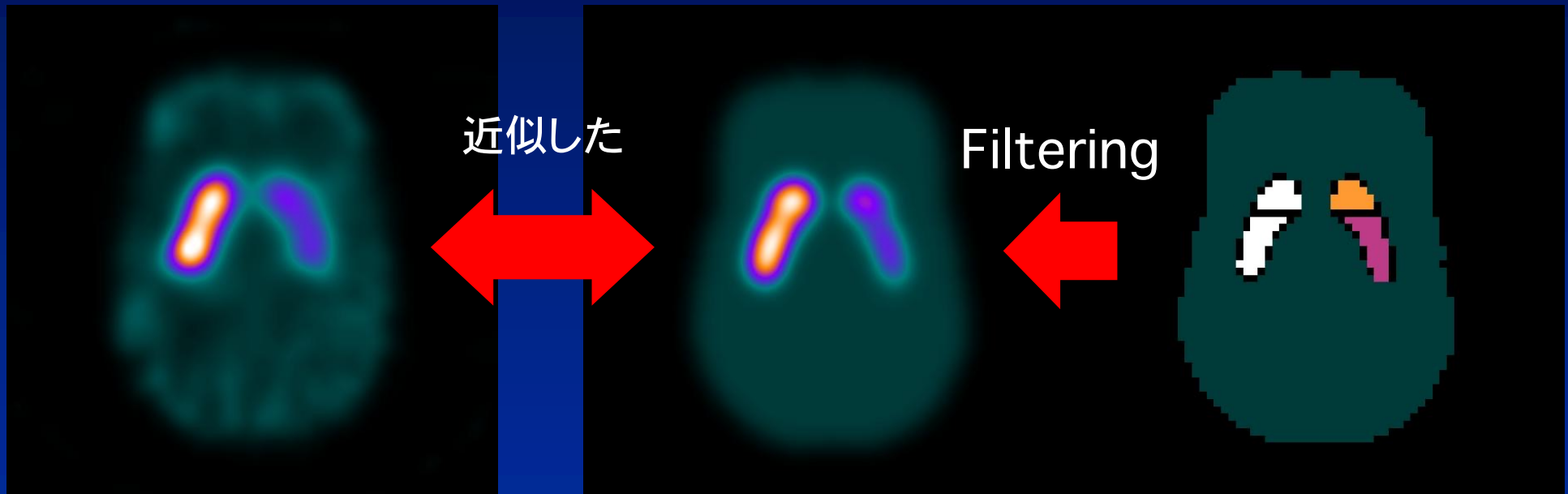
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新規解析手法の概念

➤ 概念

- 各領域にどれだけの集積があれば、撮像した画像に近づくかという考えのもと、集積量を探る



実際に撮像した
SPECT画像

SPECT様画像

ボケの無い理想画像

集積量を仮定して
作成した画像



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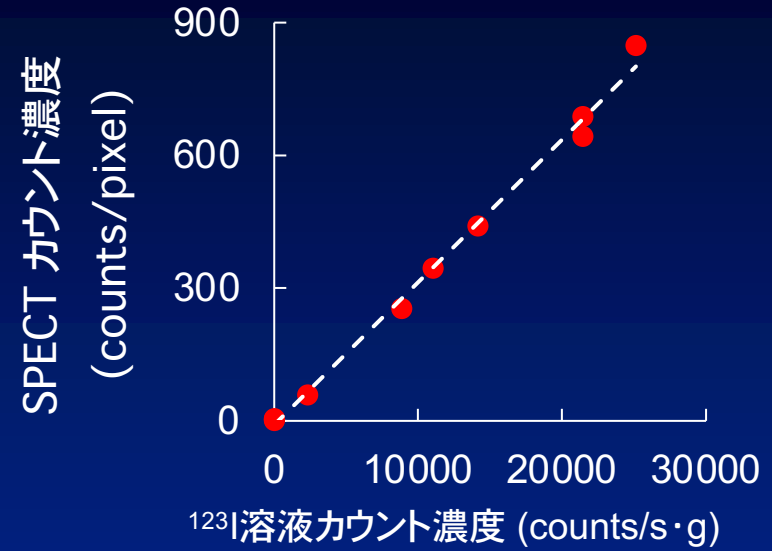


新規解析手法で得られた成果

➤ ファントムでの成果

ファントムに封入した ^{123}I 溶液のカウント濃度と解析手法で算出されたSPECTカウント濃度に強い相関を認めた。

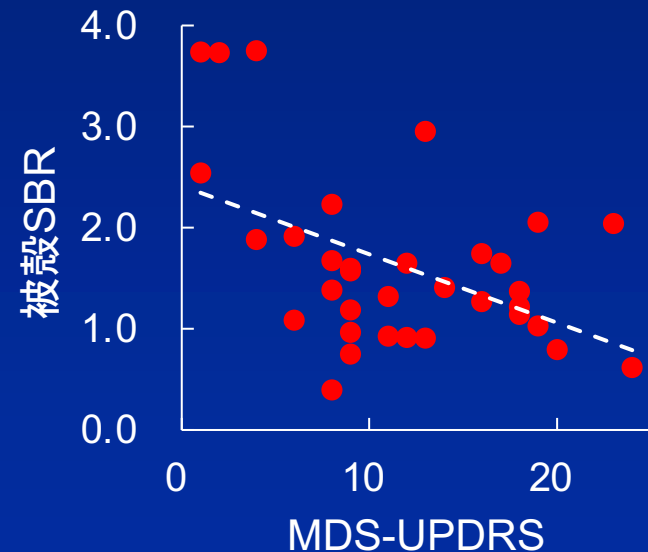
相関係数: 0.997 ($p < 0.001$)



➤ 臨床例での成果

被殻SBRと運動機能スコア (MDS-UPDRS)に相関を認めた。

相関係数: -0.483 ($p = 0.004$)



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Novel approach to semi-quantification of tracer accumulation in dopamine transporter scan

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Abstract

Purpose: Accurate tracer accumulation evaluation is difficult owing to the partial volume effect (PVE). We proposed a novel semi-quantitative approach for measuring the accumulation amount by examining the approximate image. Using a striatal phantom, we verified the validity of a newly proposed method to accurately evaluate the tracer accumulations in the caudate and putamen separately. Moreover, we compared the proposed method with the conventional methods.

Methods: The left and right caudate/putamen regions and the whole brain region as background were identified in computed tomography (CT) images obtained by single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT)/CT and acquired the positional information of each region. SPECT-like images were generated by assigning assumed accumulation amounts to each region. The SPECT-like image, approximated to the actual measured SPECT image, was examined by changing the assumed accumulation amounts assigned to each region. When the generated SPECT-like image most approximated the actual measured SPECT image, the accumulation amounts assumed were determined as the accumulation amounts in each region. We evaluated the correlation between the count density calculated by the proposed method and the actual count density of the ¹²³I solution filled in the phantom. Conventional methods (CT-guide method, geometric transfer matrix [GTM] method, region-based voxel-wise [RBV] method, and Southampton method) were also evaluated. The significance of differences between the correlation coefficients of various methods (except the Southampton method) was evaluated.

Results: The correlation coefficients between the actual count density and the SPECT count densities were 0.997, 0.973, 0.951, 0.950, and 0.996 for the proposed method, CT-guide method, GTM method, RBV method, and Southampton method, respectively. The correlation of the proposed method was significantly higher than those of the other methods.

Conclusions: The proposed method could calculate accurate accumulation amounts in the caudate and putamen separately, considering the PVE.

KEYWORDS

FP-CIT, specific binding ratio, quantification, dopamine transporter, SPECT



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^{18}F -THK5351 PET/CT

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Studies on Scattered Radiation out of Field of View and Effect of Scatter Correction in 3D brain PET

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Materials

PET-CT systems

Biograph16 (SIEMENS)

The brain phantom IB-10 (Kyoto Kagaku Co., Ltd.)

The cylindrical phantom (YAMATO Jushi Inc.)

Image J

The solution of ^{18}F

The lead-made neck shield

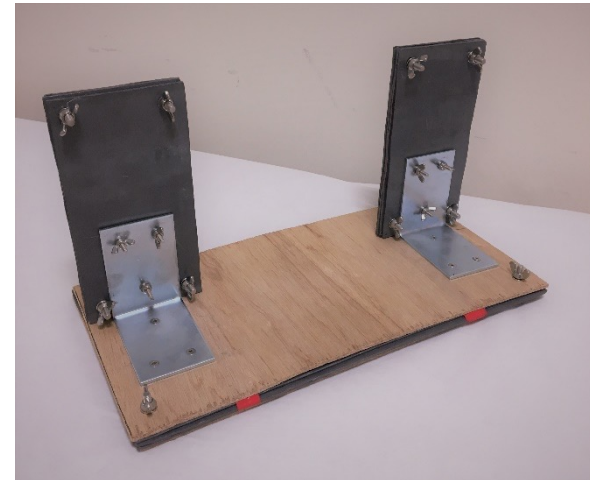


Fig.2 The lead-made neck shield



Conclusion

When the cylindrical phantom was located out of FOV, there was the influence of scattered radiation out of FOV on coincidence events.

When the distance between the cylindrical phantom and the detector was within 10 cm, there was the influence of scattered radiation out of FOV on SUV.

Effect of scattered radiation out of FOV was reduced by using the lead-made neck shield and scatter correction.



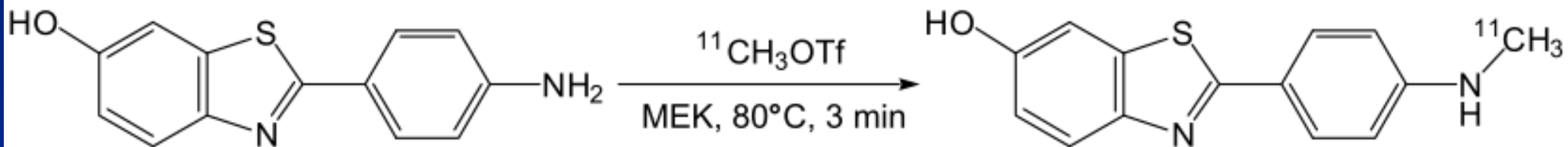
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^{11}C -PiB

[N-methyl- ^{11}C]2-(4'-methylaminophenyl)-
-6-hydroxybenzothiazole





Comparative study of various reference regions for standardized uptake value ratio using ^{11}C -Pittsburgh Compound-B PET and MR images

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Purpose

- Standardized uptake value ratio (SUVr) is used as a quantitative evaluation method.
$$\text{SUVr} = \frac{\text{SUV (region of interest)}}{\text{SUV (reference region)}}$$
- we aimed to compare the validity of the cerebellar cortex, pons, and corpus callosum as the reference regions.

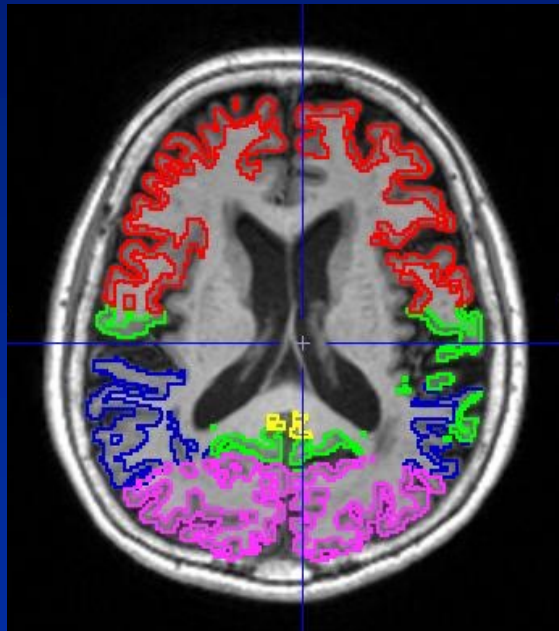


Fig. 1 VOIs of the cortical regions.

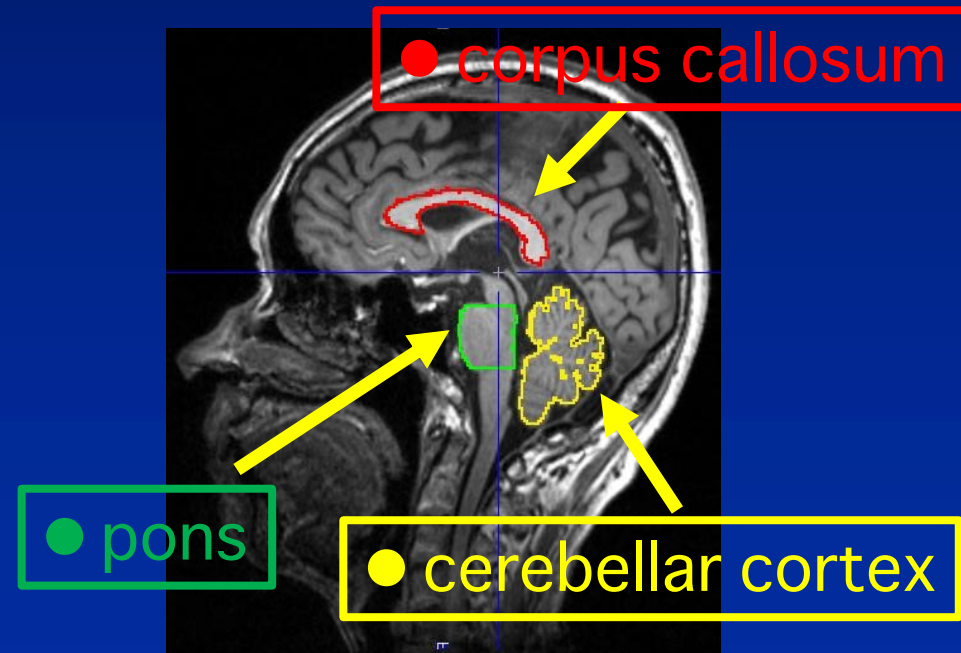


Fig. 2 VOIs of the reference regions.

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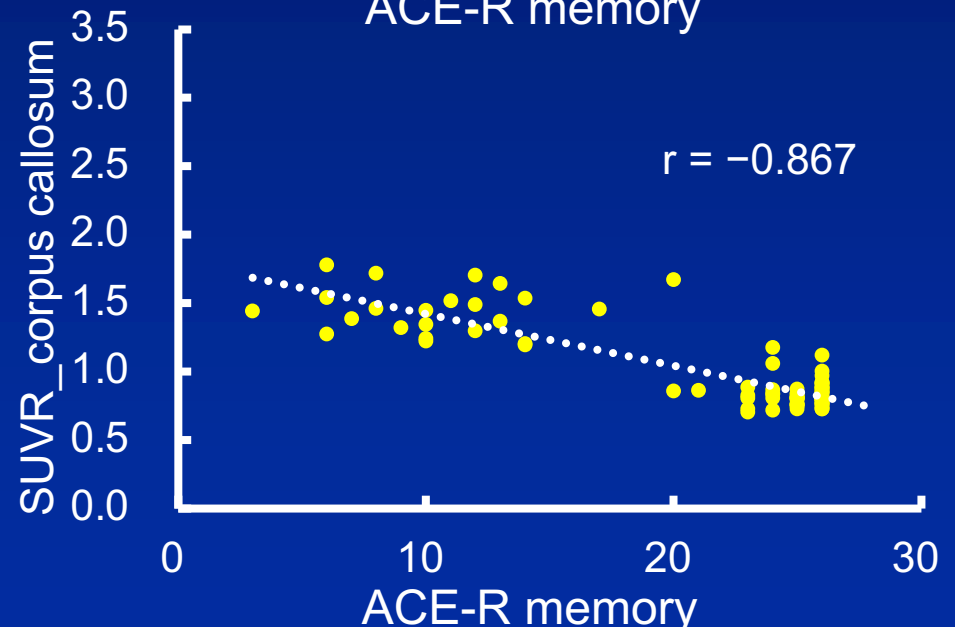
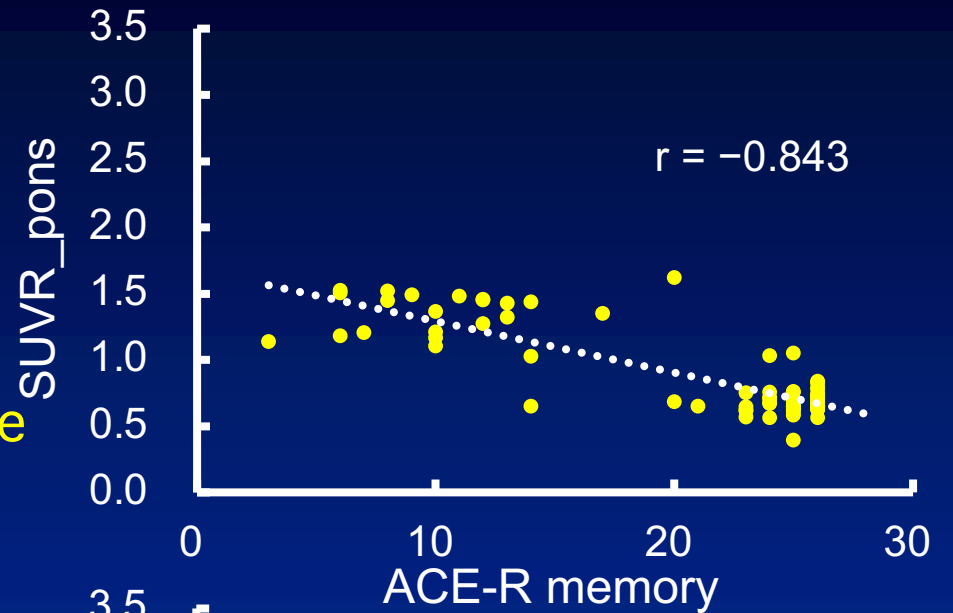
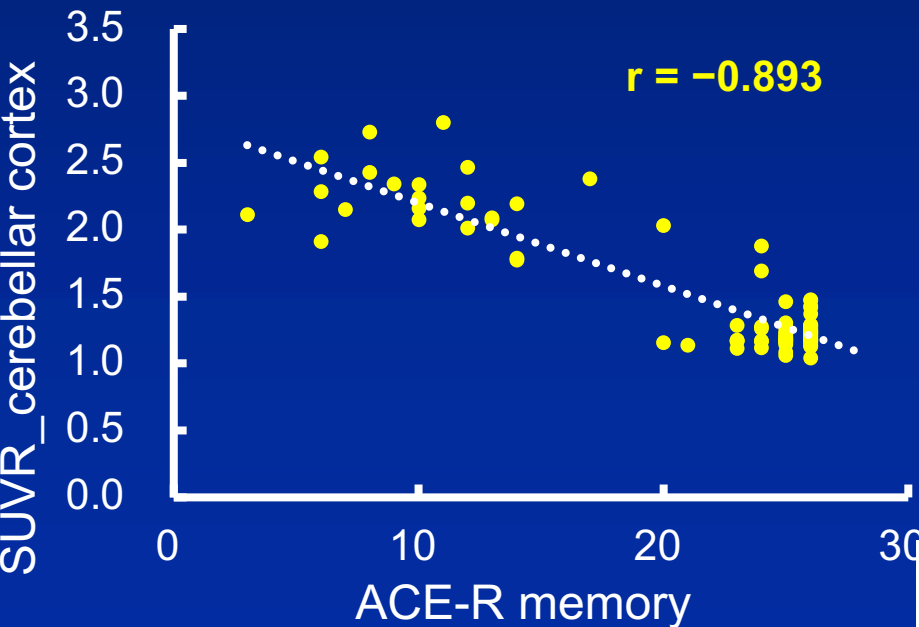


Results

We examined whether the cerebellar cortex, pons, or corpus callosum was a valid reference region.


- MMSE • ACE-R total
- ACE-R attention • ACE-R memory

SUVR was best correlated with cognitive functional testing with the cerebellar cortex as the reference region.





Comparative examination of the pons and corpus callosum as reference regions for quantitative evaluation in positron emission tomography imaging for Alzheimer's disease using ^{11}C -Pittsburgh Compound-B

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Abstract

Objectives Standardised uptake value ratio (SUVR) is usually obtained by dividing the SUV of the region of interest (ROI) by that of the cerebellar cortex. Cerebellar cortex is not a valid reference in cases where amyloid β deposition or lesions are present. Only few studies have evaluated the use of other regions as references. We compared the validity of the pons and corpus callosum as reference regions for the quantitative evaluation of brain positron emission tomography (PET) using ^{11}C -PiB compared to the cerebellar cortex.

Methods We retrospectively evaluated data from 86 subjects with or without Alzheimer's disease (AD). All subjects underwent magnetic resonance imaging, PET imaging, and cognitive function testing. For the quantitative analysis, three-dimensional ROIs were automatically placed, and SUV and SUVR were obtained. We compared these values between AD and healthy control (HC) groups.

Results SUVR data obtained using the pons and corpus callosum as reference regions strongly correlated with that using the cerebellar cortex. The sensitivity and specificity were high when either the pons or corpus callosum was used as the reference region. However, the SUV values of the corpus callosum were different between AD and HC ($p < 0.01$).

Conclusions Our data suggest that the pons and corpus callosum might be valid reference regions.

Keywords Standardised uptake value ratio · Brain · Positron emission tomography imaging · ^{11}C -Pittsburgh Compound-B · Alzheimer's disease

Introduction

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is pathologically characterised by neurofibrillary tangles and amyloid β (A β) deposition. A β deposition is a pathological feature that arises from the earliest stages of AD onset and begins decades before the onset of cognitive decline [1]. ^{11}C -Pittsburgh compound-B (PiB) is an amyloid imaging agent developed by Mathis et al., derived from the structure of thioflavin T, which is used to detect A β deposition in vitro [2]. Amyloid imaging

with ^{11}C -PiB enables the visualisation of A β deposition in the brain. Amyloid imaging has made it possible to evaluate A β deposition in the brain before death; however, it still has to be confirmed at autopsy [3]. Therefore, amyloid imaging using positron emission tomography (PET) is important for the early diagnosis of AD. The development of therapeutic agents for AD has been a focal area of research [4, 5]. Besides helping in AD diagnosis, amyloid imaging with ^{11}C -PiB PET also aids in evaluating the therapeutic effect of clinical treatments. Several studies have used the standardised uptake value ratio (SUVR) as a quantitative evaluation of brain PET using ^{11}C -PiB [3, 6, 7]. SUVR is obtained by dividing the SUV of the region of interest (ROI) by that of the reference region. Generally, SUVR is evaluated using the

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^{11}C -PiB PET検査における SUV_Rの年齢による変動

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結語

- AD群において、年齢増加に伴うmcSUVRの有意な減少が確認された。
- 部位別では前頭葉、後頭葉での年齢増加に伴うSUVRの有意な減少が確認された。



^{11}C -PiB PET検査における 皮質平均SUV_R算出手法の比較

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Comparison of quantitative assessment for cardiac sarcoidosis inflammation site using ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT images

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- ^{18}F -FDG PET画像を用いた心臓サルコイドーシス (CS)炎症部位の定量評価は standardized uptake value (SUV),cardiac metabolic volume (CMV),cardiac metabolic activity (CMA)等の指標を用いて行う。

・ CMV: CS炎症部位の体積 ・ CMA: $\text{CMV} \times \text{SUVmean}$

- これらの指標は閾値を用いてCS炎症部位にvolume of interest (VOI)を設定し算出する。しかし、これらの指標を算出する際の閾値は明らかにされていない。

①肝臓のSULmeanとその標準偏差を用いたthreshold

$$0.8 \text{SUL}_{\text{LIVER}} \text{ threshold} = \text{肝臓のSULmean} \times 0.8 + \text{SD} \times 3.0$$

②左室心プール (LVBP)のSULmeanとその標準偏差を用いたthreshold

$$1.0 \text{SUL}_{\text{LVBP}} \text{ threshold} = \text{LVBP SULmean} \times 1.0 + \text{SD} \times 3.0$$

threshold	Method 1 Visual positive (N=53)		Method 2 All examinations (N=81)			AUC
	Examination set VOI exactly	Examination set VOI not exactly	Cutoff Value (CMA)	Sensitivity [%]	Specificity [%]	
0.8SUL _{LIVER}	38 (71.7%)	15 (28.3%)	0.249	96.2	92.9	0.978
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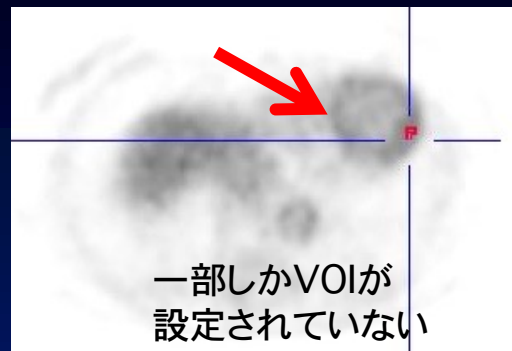
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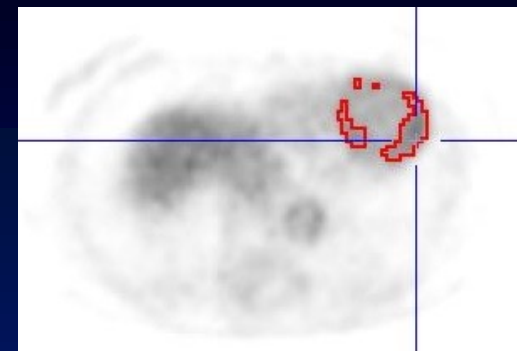
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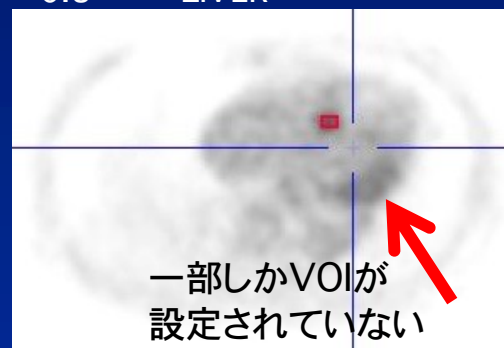


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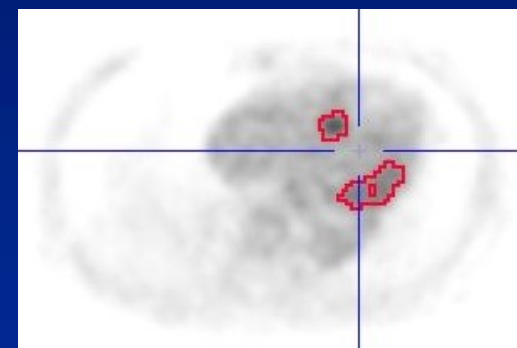
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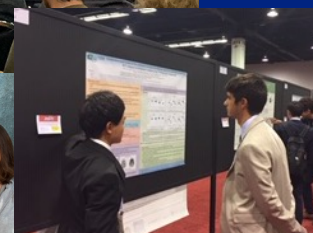
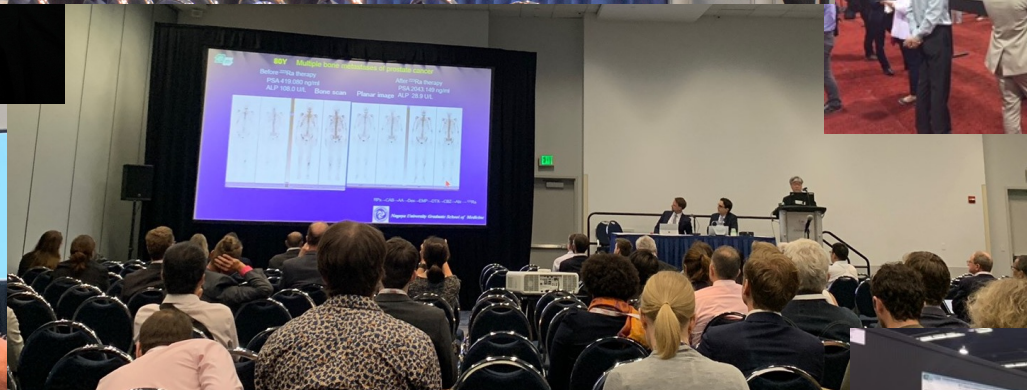
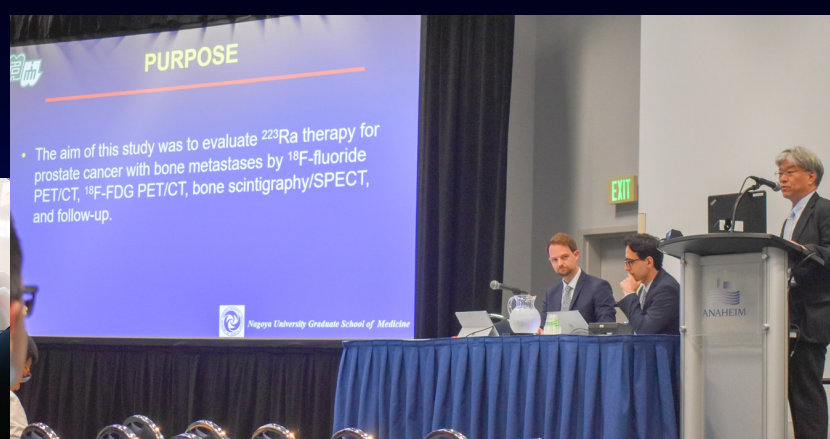
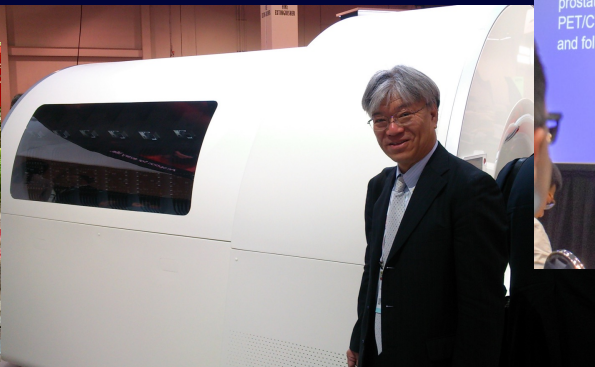
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TPO28 Evaluation of the basic characteristics of the cardiac focusing-collimators



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Aim Recently IQ-SPECT, which consists of cardiac focusing-collimator (SMARTZOOM), cardio-centric acquisition, and resolution recovery iterative reconstruction algorithms (3D-OSEM), has been developed in the field of nuclear cardiology. IQ-SPECT delivers cardiac imaging 4 times faster than conventional SPECT acquisition with scan times as low as 4 minutes per acquisition. This study was performed to evaluate the basic characteristics of the cardiac focusing-collimator such as its influences on the uniformity, resolution, and dose linearity of SPECT images.

Materials and Methods

Gamma camera and SPECT-CT (Fig.1)

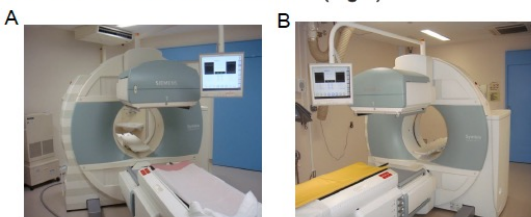


Fig1. Siemens Symbia-T (A) and Siemens Symbia-T6 (B)

Phantom (Fig.2)

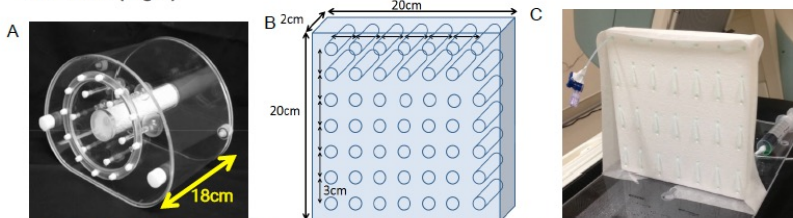


Fig2. NEMA body phantom (A) and line source phantom (B and C)

Line source phantom was made of expanded polystyrene and fluororesin tube. The Tc-99m solution was enclosed into NEMA body phantom and line source phantom. Concentration of the solution enclosed into NEMA body phantom was 38.4 kBq/ml and that enclosed into line source phantom was 4.6×10^3 kBq/ml.

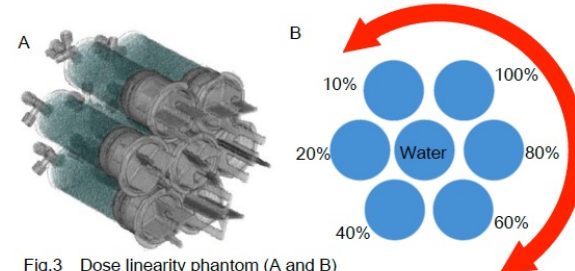


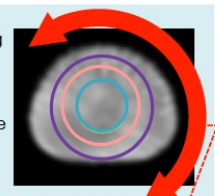
Fig.3 Dose linearity phantom (A and B)

Dose linearity phantom was made of seven syringes (diameter, 45mm). The Tc-99m solution was enclosed into dose linearity phantom. Concentration of the solution varied between 0%(water) and 100%(114kBq/mL). Each concentration was measured in the well counter and cpm was calculated.

Collimator
Cardiac focusing-collimator (CF)
Low energy high resolution collimator (LEHR)

Uniformity of SPECT images

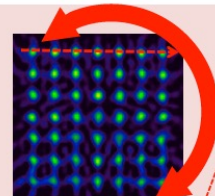
The data was acquired with Siemens Symbia T-series using LEHR and CF, and NEMA body phantom on bed. The data acquisitions were made by regarding the center of the phantoms as the center of the heart in IQ-SPECT. Acquired data were reconstructed, and SPECT images were compared. We drew a circle region of interest (ROI) on the reconstructed SPECT images. The center of the circle was regarded as the rotation center, and the diameters varied between 100mm and 200mm (Fig.4). We calculated each coefficient of variation (CV) from mean counts and standard deviations (SD) determined on the circle ROIs.



Acquisition range of SPECT
Fig.4 Drawing of circle ROIs

Resolution of SPECT images

We determined line profiles in each line source on the reconstructed images (Fig. 5) and calculated full width half maximum (FWHM). For evaluation of the resolution of SPECT images, CT based attenuation correction and scatter correction were not performed.



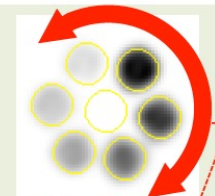
Acquisition range of SPECT
Fig.5 Determination of line profiles

Dose linearity of SPECT images

Acquired data were reconstructed, and circle ROIs were drawn on the reconstructed SPECT images manually by adjusting the ROI boundaries to the syringe boundaries of the reconstructed SPECT images (Fig.6).

Table 1 shows recording parameters of each collimator.

Table 2 shows reconstruction parameters of each collimator.



Acquisition range of SPECT
Fig.6 Drawing of ROI

Results

Uniformity of SPECT images

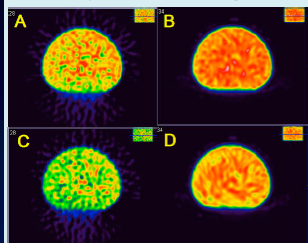


Fig.7 Comparison of SPECT images acquired with NEMA body phantom under various conditions

SPECT images acquired with NEMA body phantom using LEHR in a 360° acquisition range and reconstructed with FBP (A) or with 3D-OSEM(B), in a 180° acquisition range and reconstructed with FBP (C) or 3D-OSEM (D).

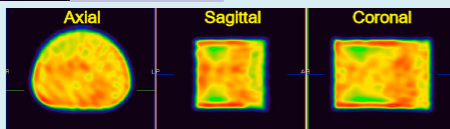


Fig.8 SPECT images acquired with NEMA body phantom using CF

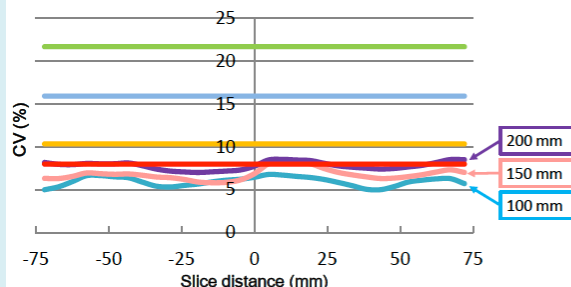


Fig.9 Distribution of CV

The vertical axis was for CV and the horizontal axis for the slice distance. The negative side of the horizontal axis is for the foot, and the positive side is for the head.

When SPECT images were acquired with LEHR in a 360° acquisition range, the images were uniform, but the images acquired in a 180° acquisition image showed a lower uniformity (Fig.7). When the images were acquired with CF, the images were uniform at the areas near the rotation center and the center of body axis of the phantom compared with those acquired with LEHR collimator (Figs.7-9).

Discussion

Uniformity of SPECT images

The uniformity of SPECT images acquired with CF was maintained within a certain range around the rotation center or the body axis of the phantom. The finding is due to the characteristics of CF collimation, namely, the focus of the collimator varies continuously from cone-like in the central region to parallel at the edge (Fig.14).

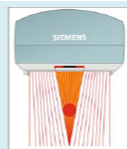


Fig.14 CF collimator

Conclusion

When CF was used, the uniformity and dose linearity of SPECT images were better, but their resolution was worse than those when LEHR collimator was used.

Resolution of SPECT images

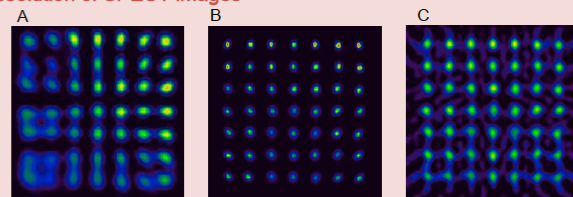


Fig.10 Comparison of SPECT images with line source phantom under various conditions

SPECT images acquired with line source phantom using CF and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM (A), using LEHR in a 360° acquisition range and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM (B) or FBP (C).

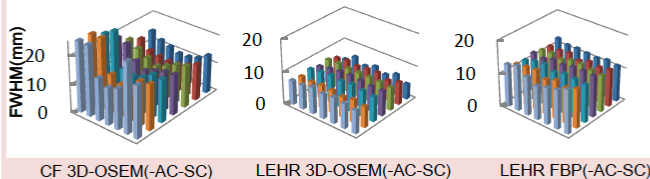


Fig.11 Comparison of distributions of FWHM

FWHM calculated when CF was used and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM (A), FWHM when LEHR was used and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM (B) or FBP (C)

SPECT resolution when CF was used was inferior to that when LEHR collimator was used (Figs.10 and 11).

At the marginal zone

FWHM acquired with CF and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM was higher than that acquired with LEHR and reconstructed with FBP and 3D-OSEM.

At the central zone

FWHM acquired with CF and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM was 2mm lower than that acquired with LEHR and reconstructed with FBP, and 2mm higher than that acquired with LEHR and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM.

Resolution of SPECT images

FWHM acquired with CF and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM was better within a certain range around the rotation center (sweet spot) and worse outside the range. The finding is due to the fact that the sweet spot of CF was set in order to correspond to the center of the phantoms.

Dose linearity of SPECT images

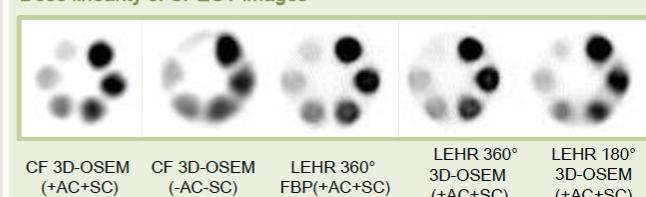


Fig.12 Comparison of SPECT images acquired under various conditions

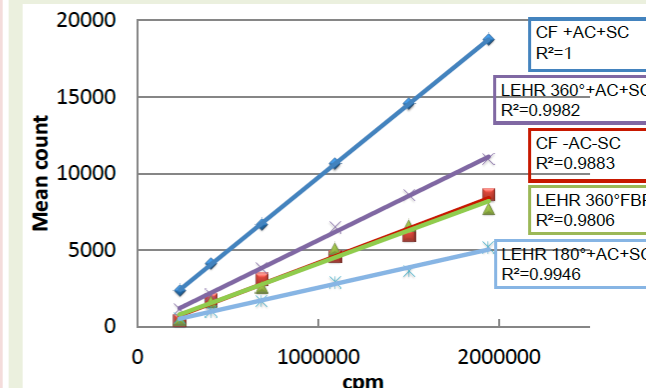


Fig.13 Comparison of the dose linearity of SPECT images acquired under various conditions

Comparison of R-squared value (Fig.13)

LEHR 360°FBP(+AC+SC) < CF 3D-OSEM(-AC-SC) < LEHR 180°3D-OSEM(+AC+SC) < LEHR 360°3D-OSEM(+AC+SC) < CF 3D-OSEM(+AC+SC)

SPECT images acquired with CF and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM, CT based attenuation correction, and scatter correction showed almost the same dose linearity as those acquired with LEHR collimation and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM.

Dose linearity of SPECT images

SPECT images acquired with CF and reconstructed with 3D-OSEM, CT based attenuation correction, and scatter correction showed R-squared value close to 1. The finding is due to the fact that when CF is used image reconstruction with 3D-OSEM, CT based attenuation correction, and scatter correction improves the SPECT dose linearity.



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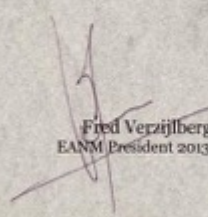
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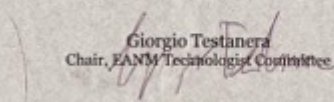
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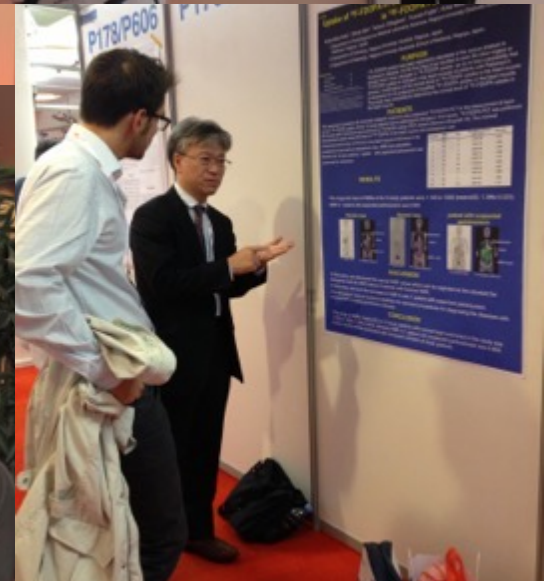
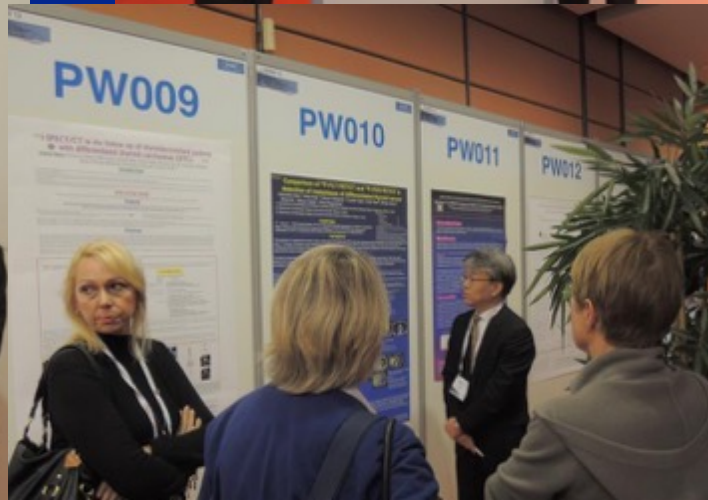
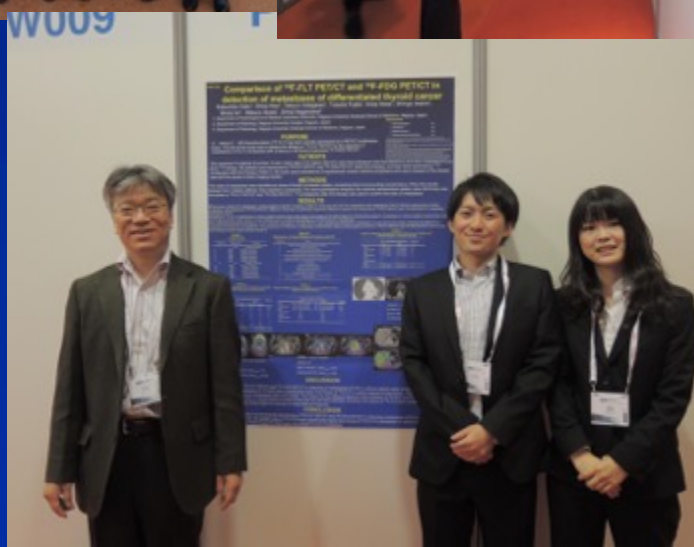
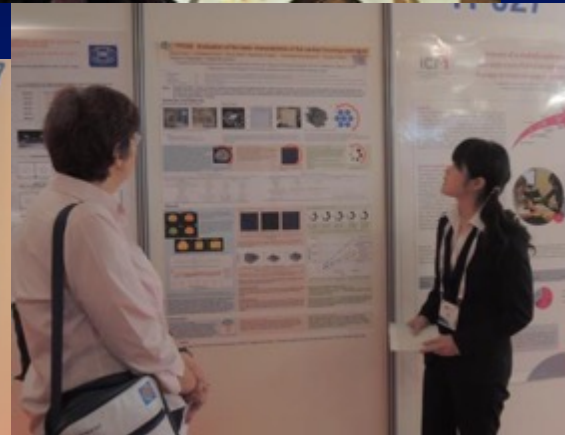
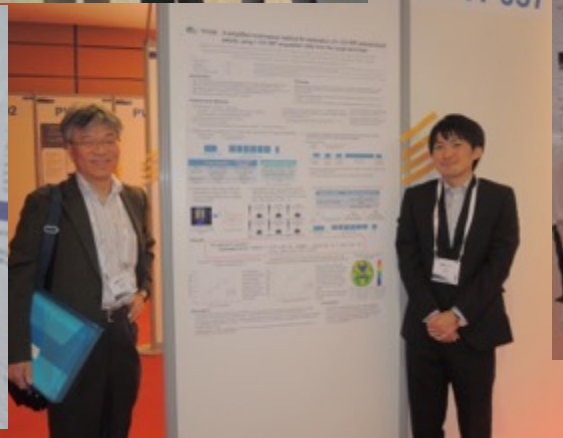
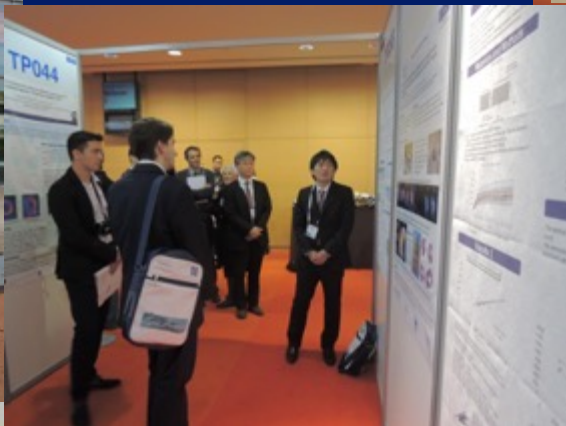
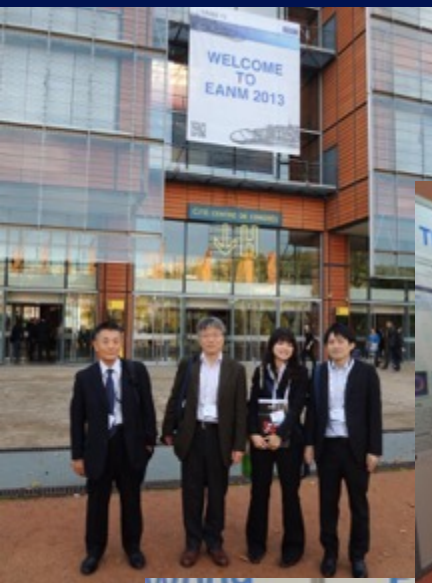
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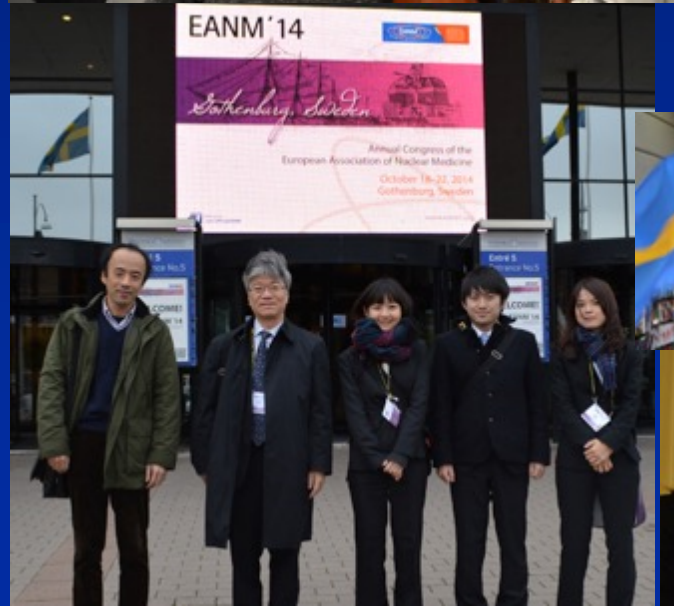
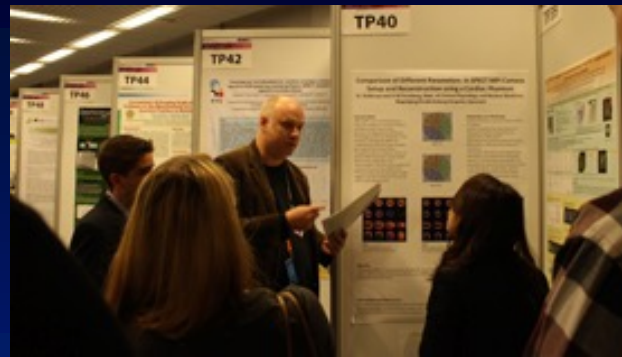
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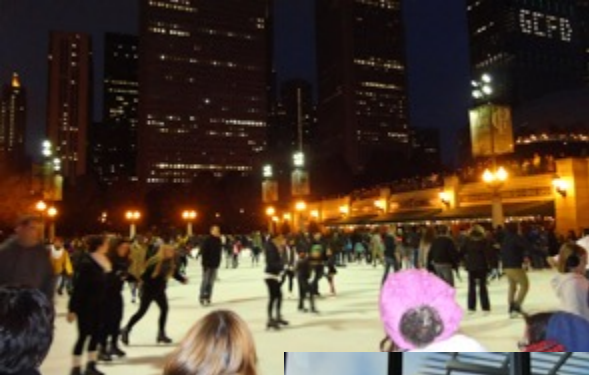
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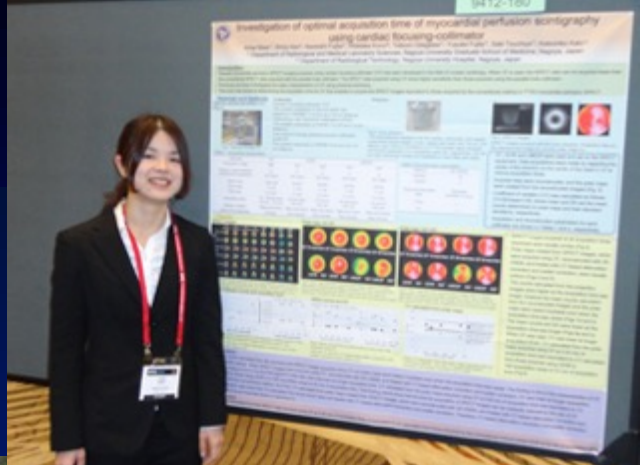
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Assessment of Severity in Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension by Quantitative Parameters of Dual-Energy Computed Tomography

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Objective: The objective of this study was to assess the correlation between dual-energy computed tomography quantitative parameters and hemodynamics in patients with chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension.

Methods: Dual-energy computed tomography of 52 chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension patients were evaluated retrospectively. The mean lung perfused blood volume (lung PBV) and the mean pulmonary artery (PA) enhancement measured at pulmonary parenchymal phase were compared with the hemodynamics by Spearman rank correlation coefficient (r_s) and receiver operating characteristic analysis.

Results: Lung PBV was correlated with mean pulmonary arterial pressure ($r_s = 0.47, P < 0.001$). Pulmonary artery enhancement was correlated with cardiac index ($r_s = -0.49, P < 0.001$) and pulmonary vascular resistance ($r_s = 0.48, P < 0.001$). The areas under the curves were 0.86 for lung PBV to predict mean pulmonary arterial pressure of >50 mm Hg and 0.86 for PA enhancement to predict pulmonary vascular resistance of >1000 dyne/cm⁵.

Conclusions: Lung PBV and PA enhancement could be indicators of hemodynamics.

Key Words: Dual-energy computed tomography, chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, hemodynamics

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Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) is a specific type of pulmonary hypertension (PH) caused by obstructive vascular remodeling, which lead to increase pulmonary artery (PA) pressure and right heart failure.^{1,2} The development of CTEPH has been suggested to be associated with acute pulmonary embolism.^{1–3} The incidence of CTEPH within 2 years after acute symptomatic pulmonary embolism has been reported to range from 0.1% to 9.1%.³

Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension is defined as the presence of multiple chronic organized occlusive thromboembolisms in the pulmonary arteries, which accompany PH with a mean pulmonary arterial pressure (mPAP) of 25 mm Hg or more and a pulmonary arterial wedge pressure of 15 mm Hg or less.^{1,2} Diagnosis of CTEPH is confirmed by pulmonary arteriography or

contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) based on the findings of mismatched lung perfusion using pulmonary ventilation/perfusion scintigraphy.^{1,2}

The contrast-enhanced CT findings of CTEPH in the PA are a complete obstruction or partial filling defects such as vessel narrowing, intimal irregularities, and bands and webs caused by chronic organized blood clots.^{2,4,5} In addition, the dilatation of the main PA diameter is known to be associated with PH.^{6–10} The diameter ratio of the main PA to the ascending aorta (rPA) measured on a CT image is widely used as a noninvasive diagnostic method for PH.^{8–10} The rPA is also known to correlate with the mPAP.^{8,10} Recently, dual-energy computed tomography (DE-CT) has enabled us to analyze lung perfused blood volume (lung PBV) and is able to generate an iodine map image similar to that obtained by pulmonary perfusion scintigraphy. Its diagnostic utility for the evaluation of pulmonary perfusion in CTEPH has been reported to be equivalent to pulmonary perfusion scintigraphy.^{11–13}

Right heart catheterization (RHC) is invasive but essential to evaluate the hemodynamics of CTEPH. The mPAP and pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) obtained by RHC is one of the prognostic factors in CTEPH patients.^{14–16} Therefore, it may be useful to identify high-risk patients by noninvasive CT examination. A few studies reported that quantitative or visual assessment of lung PBV significantly correlated with clinical parameters such as mPAP, PVR, or mosaic attenuation pattern in CTEPH patients.^{17–19} It should be noted however that a correlation between quantitative evaluation using DE-CT and hemodynamic severity has not been demonstrated. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to consider whether contrast-enhanced DE-CT could be used to assess the severity of CTEPH.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Patients

This retrospective study was approved by the institutional review board of Nagoya University Hospital (approval number 2017-0291) with waivers of informed consent from all participants. From April 2014 to July 2017, 58 consecutive patients who underwent DE-CT for the detailed examination or follow-up of CTEPH were treated at our institution. The diagnosis of CTEPH was confirmed by ventilation/perfusion scintigraphy, RHC, and pulmonary arteriography. Patients who underwent pulmonary endarterectomy or balloon pulmonary angioplasty were not included in this study, because of the various time intervals between CT and RHC that were performed before or after treatments. If multiple examinations were performed on a patient during the study period, only the first DE-CT examination was analyzed. This is because multiple examinations become a confounding factor to evaluate CT and RHC parameters. Three patients were excluded because of the presence of pulmonary disease (interstitial pneumonia, atypical mycobacterial disease, or emphysema). One patient was excluded because

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(Dual Energy CT から得られる定量値を用いた慢性血栓塞栓性肺高血圧症の重症度評価)

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CTEPHの定義

CTEPH：慢性血栓性肺高血圧症

(chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension)

慢性肺血栓塞栓症

血栓溶解療法または抗凝固療法施行
後も6か月以上不変

肺高血圧症

1. 肺動脈圧の上昇
平均肺動脈(mPAP):25mmHg以上
2. 肺動脈楔入圧(PAWP)が正常
15 mmHg以下



Conclusion

- Lung PBV値はmPAPと正の相関にあることから、高濃度の造影剤が肺血管内に停滞している可能性があり、肺循環の灌流不良を示している。
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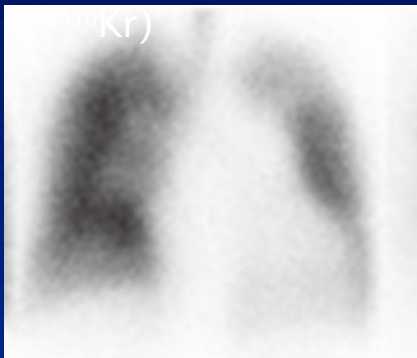
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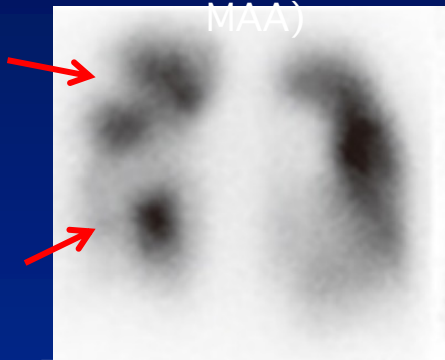
Summary

- Right-sided heart catheterization, pulmonary ventilation scintigraphy using $^{81\text{m}}\text{Kr}$, and pulmonary perfusion scintigraphy using $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MAA are performed to diagnose chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH).

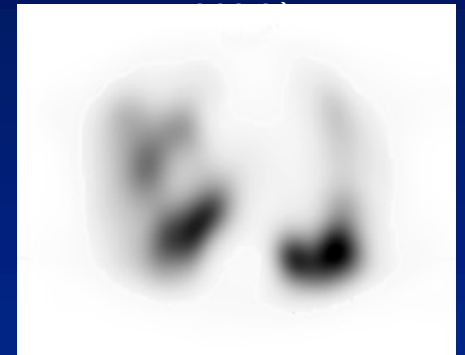
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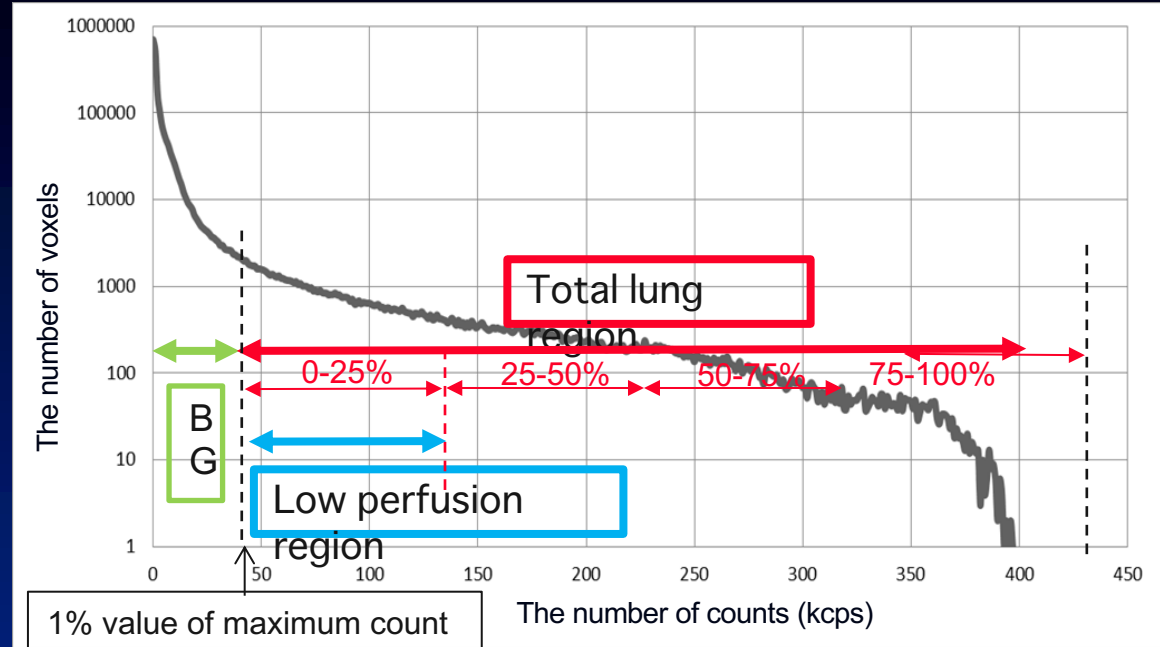
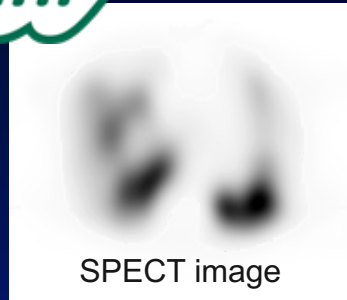
pulmonary perfusion
planer imaging ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -
MAA)



pulmonary perfusion
SPECT imaging ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -
MAA)



- Hemodynamic indicators [mean pulmonary arterial pressure (mPAP) and pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR)] obtained from right heart catheterization are used to assess the severity of CTEPH, but it is highly invasive.
- The aim of this study is investigating whether it is possible to evaluate the severity of CTEPH using the index obtained from SPECT images of pulmonary blood flow scintigraphy using $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MAA, which is less invasive.



$$\text{Low perfusion index} = \frac{\text{Low perfusion region volume (cm}^3\text{)}}{\text{Total lung region volume (cm}^3\text{)}}$$

- As a result of investigating the correlations between the low perfusion index and the hemodynamic index, there are weak correlations was found between the low perfusion index and mPAP or PVR. (mPAP : $r=0.313$, $p<0.005$, PVR : $r=0.364$, $p<0.005$)

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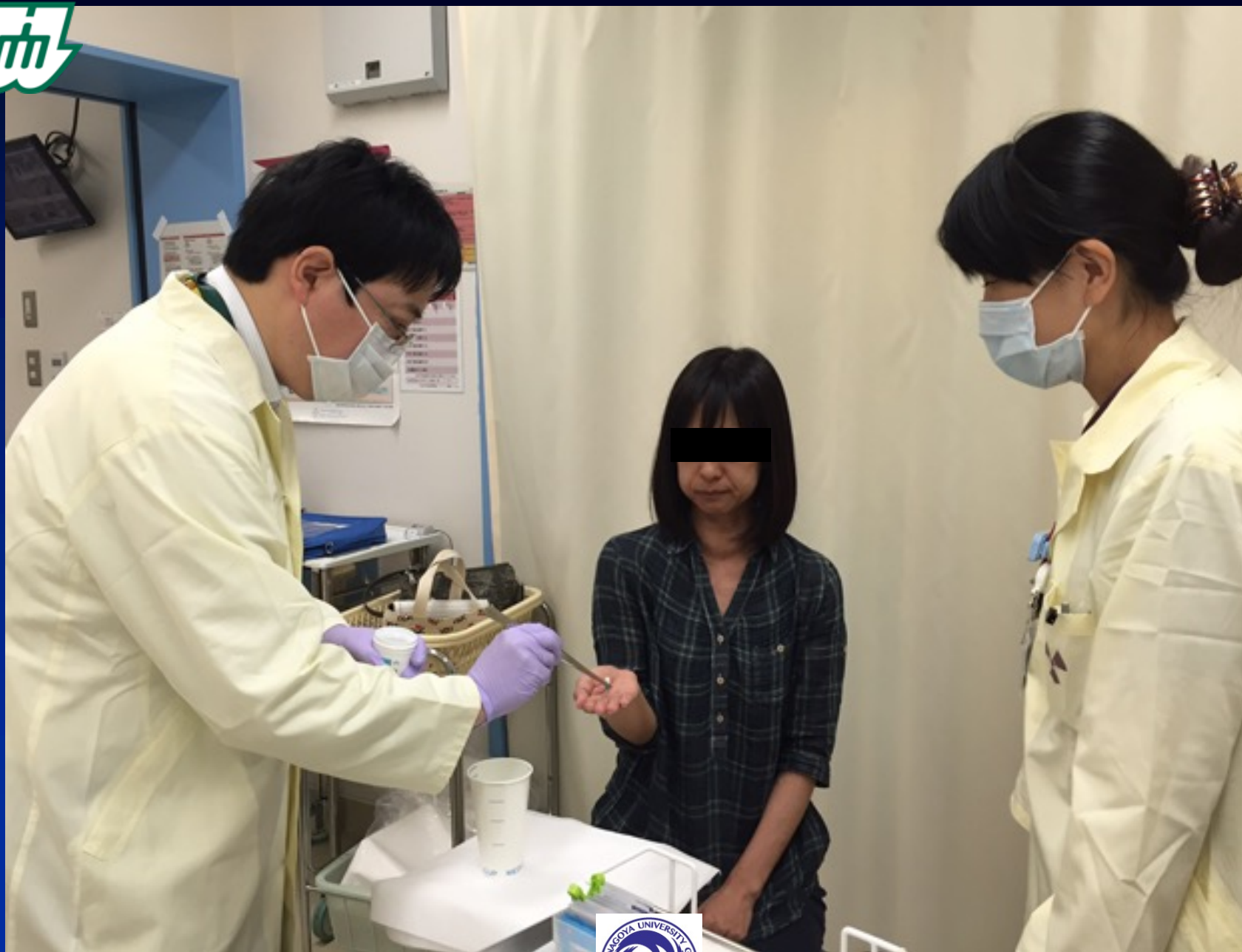
甲状腺機能亢進症、甲状腺癌の ^{131}I 内用療法

- 70年以上の歴史を有する安全な治療法
- 有用性は国際的に定着
- ^{131}I カプセルを内服

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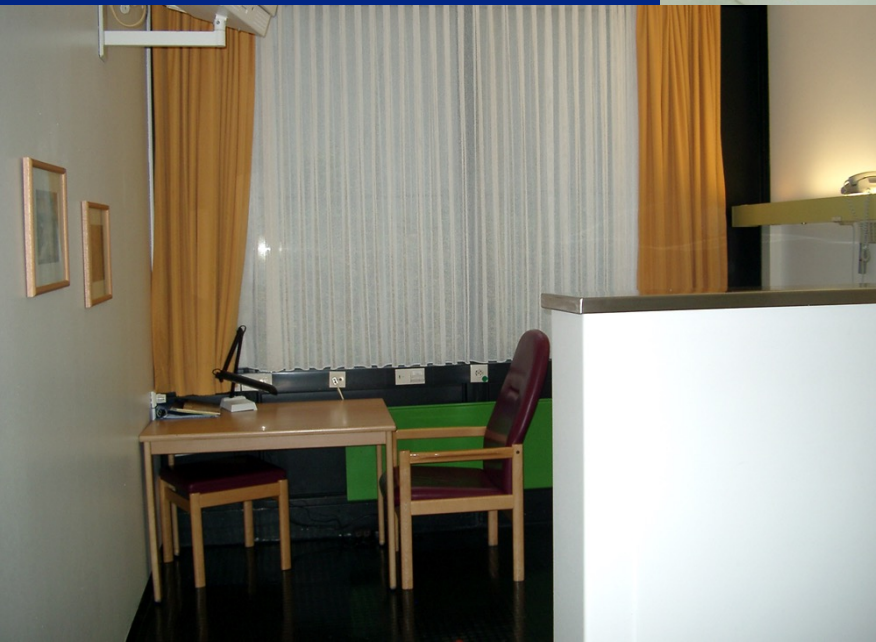


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ヨウ素制限中の食事

絶対に食べてはならない食品

大量のヨウ素が含まれていて、少しの摂取でも大きな影響を受けます。

- 海藻類 . . . 昆布、わかめ、のり、ひじき、もずくなど
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- 昆布だし、風味調味料 . . . 昆布だし、昆布だしを含む風味調味料など
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昆布だし、昆布エキスなどを使用しているものがあります。

- ヨード強化卵 . . . ヨード強化卵は多量のヨウ素が含まれています。



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ヨウ素制限中の食事

できるだけ食べないように注意する食品

比較的ヨードが多く含まれている食品です。

思いがけない食品や食材にヨードが含まれることがあるので注意が必要です。

テングサ加工品・・・ 寒天、ところてん、羊羹、こんにゃく

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赤身魚・・・ まぐろ、さけ、ます、ツナ缶など

貝類、えび、かに

肉類・・・ レバー、モツ、ホルモン 等

カラギナン含有食品・・・ 豆乳、ドレッシング、ゼリー、プリン、アイスクリー

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ヨウ素制限食の食品一覧表

	食べてもよい食品	1回量を1人前程度で制限する食品	禁止食品
穀 類	ごはん、パン、めん、スパゲティ、もち、小麦粉など 		めん類の時の汁、おにぎりの海苔、食紅を使った赤飯  
いも・でん粉類	全ての芋・でん粉はるさめ・くすきりなど 		ひじきの入ったごんにゃく
砂糖・甘味料	さとう・はちみつなど全ての甘味料 	黒砂糖	
豆 類	ほぼ全ての豆類 	木綿豆腐	納豆のたれ(昆布エキス)、だし入り味噌・しょうゆなど
種実類	ごま・くり・落花生など全ての種実類 		アーモンド・ピーナツバターなど外国産の食品(ヨウ素添加量)
野菜類	ほぼ全ての野菜類 		紅しょうが、梅干、福神漬(人工赤色着色料)
果実類	全ての果実類		チェリー缶(人工赤色着色料)
せのご類	全てのせのご類		
藻 類			昆布、わかめ、のりなど海藻類全般 
魚介類	エビ・ホタテ貝柱	イカ・タコ・ヒラメ・メバチ・ホッケ・ハマチ・カンパチ・カジキ・アユ・マグロ・アナゴ・サケ	タラ・タラコ・タイ・イワシ・ハタハタ・ワカサギ・シシャモ・アジ・カツオ・ブリ・サバ・サンマ・カレイ・アワビ・サザエ・アンコウきも・ナマコ・カキ・アサリ・練り製品など魚介類全般注意。
肉 類	全ての肉類 		ホルモンなどの内臓類、ウインナー、ハムなどの人工赤色着色料・昆布エキス
卵 類		鶏卵 	ヨウ素卵(ヨウ素強化)卵豆腐、出し巻き卵、茶わん蒸し(昆布だし)

ヨウ素制限食栄養指導用の小冊子

ヨウ素制限(low iodine diet: LID)

1週間と2週間の比較

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- バセドウ病の放射性ヨウ素治療の成功率

- 放射性ヨウ素治療の効果判定は、

- 放射性ヨウ素治療後1年以内に抗甲状腺薬を休薬できた、または、

- 放射性ヨウ素治療前に抗甲状腺薬を投与されていない患者は治療後

- 1年以内に甲状腺機能が正常化、及び潜在性甲状腺機能低下症な

- いし甲状腺機能低下症へ移行した場合を「治療成功」と定義した。

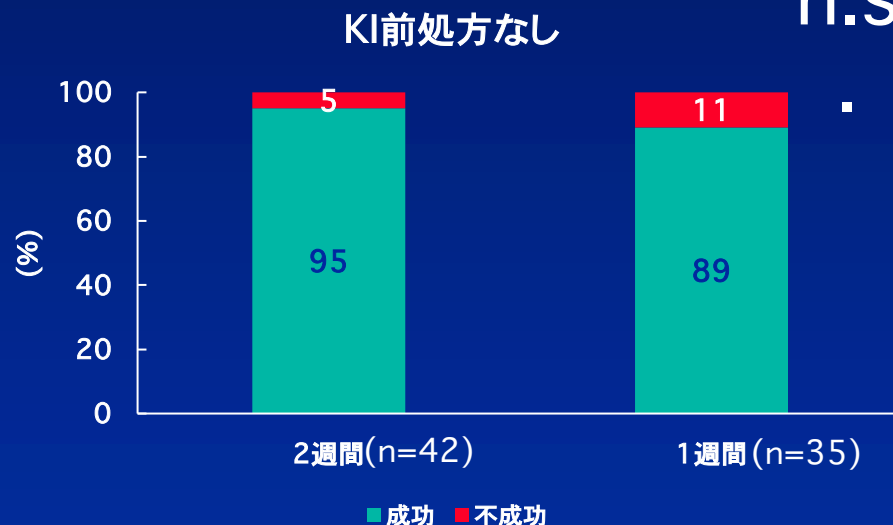
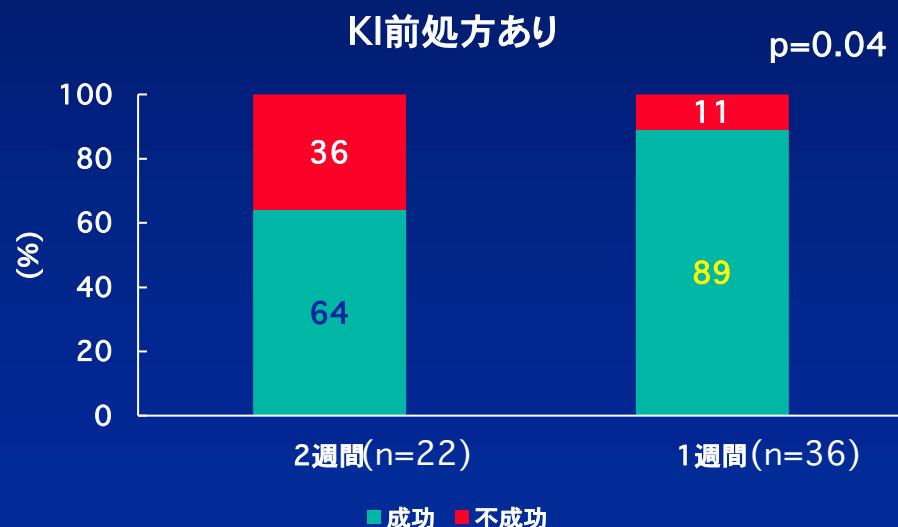


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ヨウ素制限 1週間と2週間の比較

・バセドウ病の放射性ヨウ素治療の成功率 Fisher's Exact Test

	p-value	odds ratio
ヨウ化カリウム(KI)前処方 あり LID 1週間vs.2週間	0.04	0.20
ヨウ化カリウム(KI)前処方 なし LID 1週間vs.2週間	0.40	2.5



「KI前処方あり」では、有意に1週間のヨウ素制限の方が成功率が高かった。

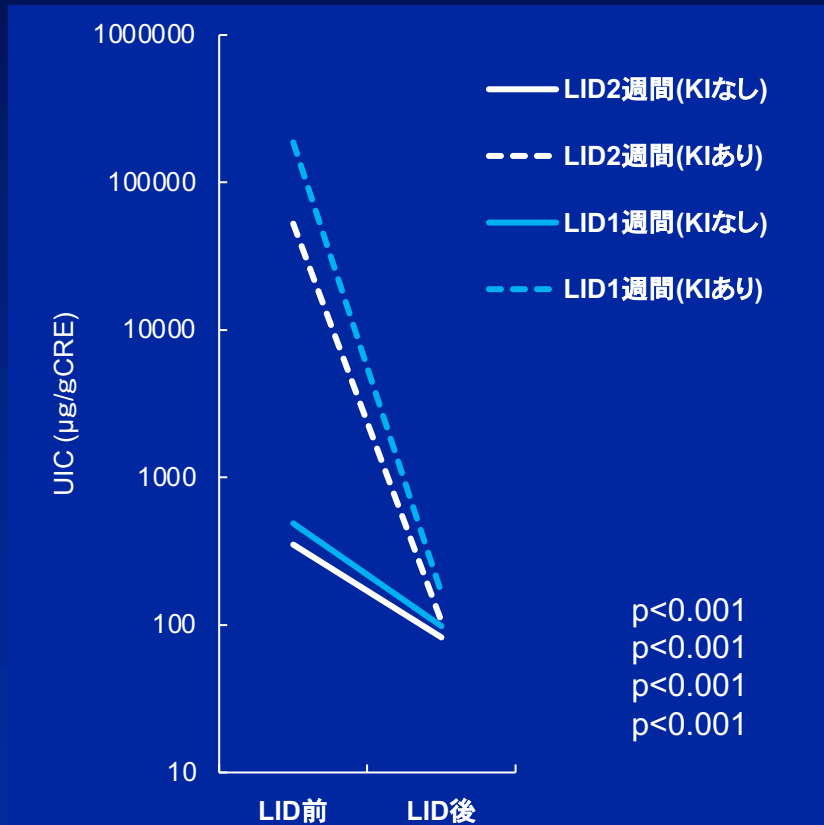
「KI前処方なし」では、有意差はなかった



ヨウ素制限(LID) 1週間と2週間の比較

・バセドウ病のLID後の尿中ヨウ素濃度(UIC μ g/gCRE)の変化

(wilcoxon符号付順位和検定)



	UIC1	UIC2
LID2週間(KIなし)	350.8 \pm 412.7	82.4 \pm 144.2
LID2週間(KIあり)	52555.4 \pm 77915.1	105.8 \pm 95.3
LID1週間(KIなし)	488.5 \pm 818.4	98.2 \pm 110.1
LID1週間(KIあり)	187085 \pm 240187.2	164.3 \pm 253.7

LID後のUICは、

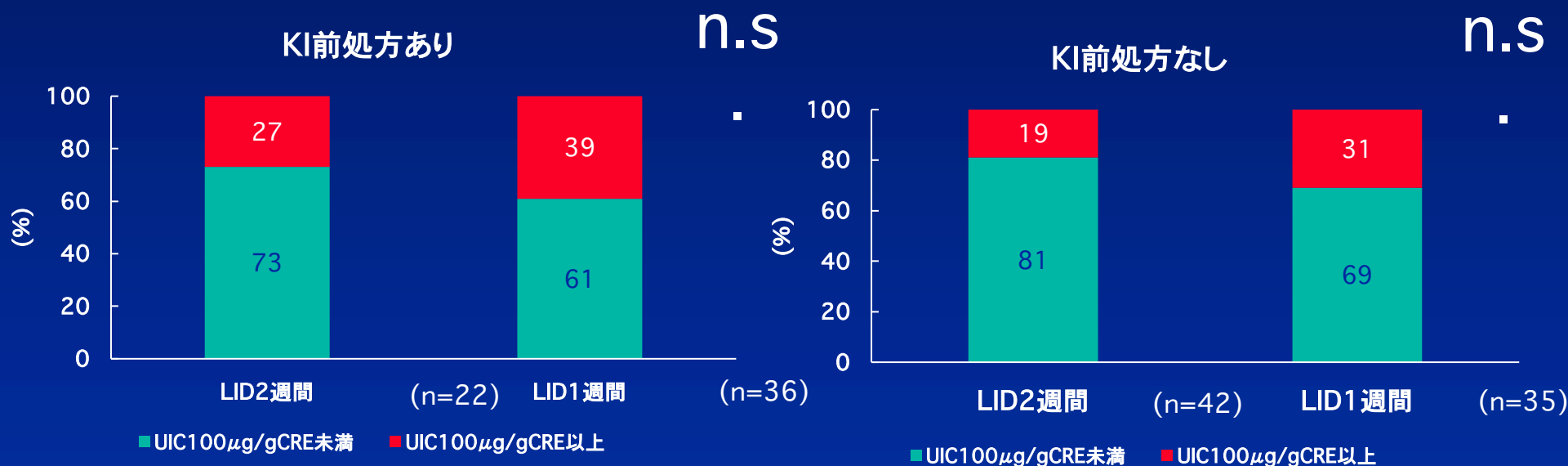
いずれの群も有意な低下を認めた。



ヨウ素制限 1週間と2週間の比較

・バセドウ病のLID後の尿中ヨウ素濃度(UIC μ g/gCRE) Fisher's Exact Test

	p-value	odds ratio
ヨウ化カリウム(KI)前処方 あり LID 1週間vs.2週間	0.41	1.68
ヨウ化カリウム(KI)前処方 なし LID 1週間vs.2週間	0.29	1.93




UIC 100 μ g/gCRE 未満か否かで区分した場合、LID1週間も2週間も有意差を認めなかった。
(WHO区分: 尿中ヨウ素排泄量 <100 μ g/l …ヨウ素欠乏)





Effect of previous administration of potassium iodine and different durations of low iodine diets for radioiodine therapy on the treatment of Graves' disease in iodine-rich areas

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Abstract

Purpose To examine whether adherence to a low-iodine diet (LID) enhances the therapeutic efficacy of radioiodine therapy (RAI) in Graves' hyperthyroidism (GH) in iodine-rich areas.

Methods We retrospectively evaluated 185 patients with GH from Aichi (n = 114) and Hokkaido (n = 71) Prefectures. Patients aged ≥ 18 years with GH who underwent RAI between December 2012 and March 2022 were divided into subgroups based on pretreatment with anti-thyroid drug (ATD) or potassium iodide (KI). Patients were followed up with LID from 18 days (group A) or 7 days (group H) before RAI to 3 days after RAI. The dose of radioactive iodine ¹³¹I was adjusted to deliver > 100 Gy to the thyroid. The associations between urinary iodine concentration on UIC2 vs. 24hRU and UIC2 vs. the 1-year RAI success rate (SR) were investigated.

Results Compared with UIC1, UIC2 was significantly decreased in all subgroups (P < 0.01). An inverse correlation between UIC2 and 24hRU was observed in the four groups; however, the difference was insignificant. The SR in groups A and H was 85% and 89%, respectively. Univariate analysis revealed no association between UIC2 and SR in each group. Additionally, stratification of the 185 patients into quartiles using UIC2 yielded no significant differences in SR (p = 0.79).

Conclusions LID sufficiently reduced UIC in patients undergoing RAI. Although a lower UIC2 may increase 24hRU, it did not increase the success of RAI. The benefit of LID in enhancing the efficacy of RAI in GH treatment remains uncertain.

Keywords Radioiodine therapy · Low iodine diet · Graves' hyperthyroidism · Urinary iodine concentration · Iodine-rich areas

Introduction

Graves' hyperthyroidism (GH) is the most common cause of hyperthyroidism. Anti-thyroid drugs (ATDs), radioactive iodine ¹³¹I therapy (RAI), and thyroidectomy are the main treatments for GH [1]. Serious side effects can occur following administration of ATDs and thyroidectomy. RAI is an established and safe treatment option for GH. Identifying the factors that affect RAI efficacy can help improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs associated with GH. These factors include thyroid weight and hormone levels before treatment, duration of ATD use, and other clinical factors [2–4]. Two preparations are recommended before ¹³¹I administration to enhance RAI efficacy: withdrawal

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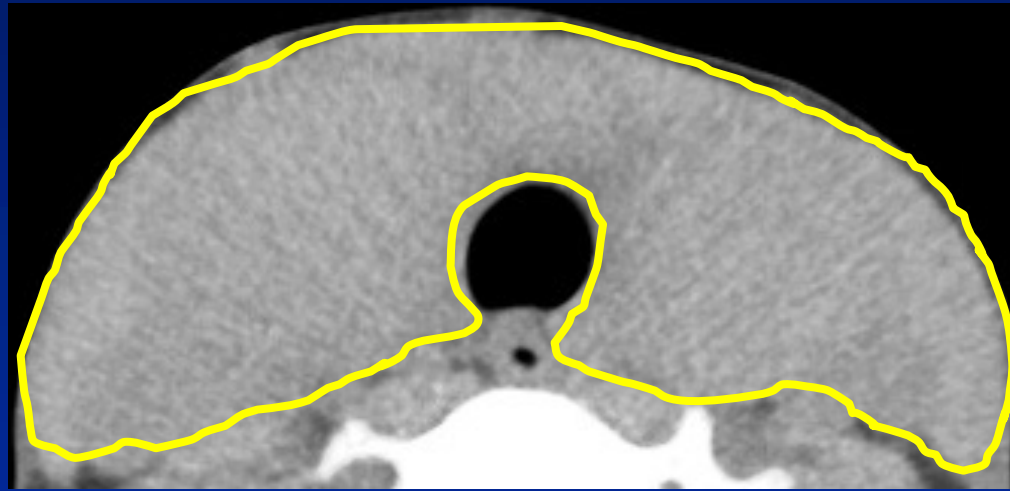
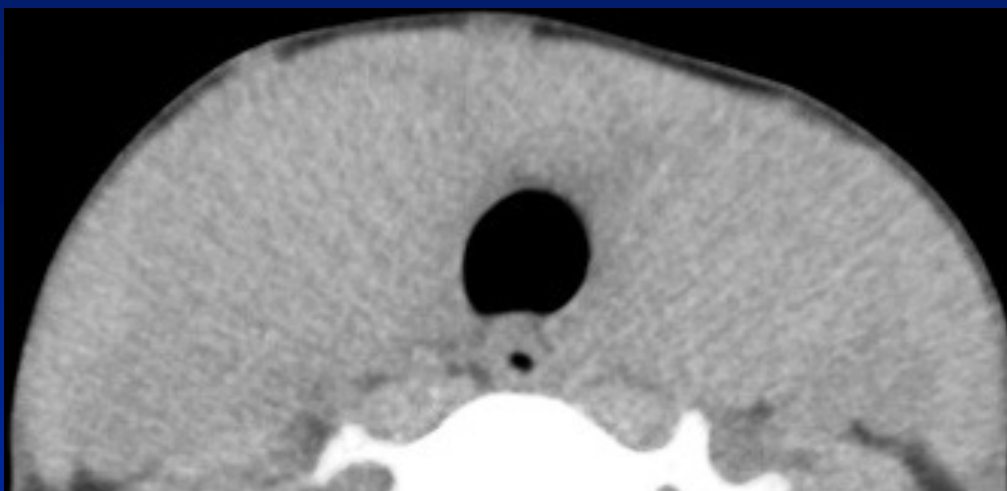
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甲状腺重量推定法

頸部単純CT(5mmスライス)

スライス毎にROIを設定



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推定重量(g) = ROIの面積(mm²) × 5(mm) × 比重1(g/mm³)



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甲状腺短径の測定長または測定断面積の違いによる甲状腺体積の変動 —X線CT画像を用いた甲状腺体積の楕円体近似法の検証—

Quimbyの式

$$\text{投与放射能} = \text{単位変換係数} \times \frac{\text{甲状腺吸収線量} \times \text{甲状腺体積}}{\text{甲状腺ヨウ素摂取率} \times \text{有効半減期}}$$

甲状腺体積測定法について

- 一般的には超音波画像にて行う（簡便さとコスト的観点から）
- ・体積測定は楕円体近似法を用いる

左葉,右葉,峡部に対して,長径,短径,横径から

体積 = $\pi / 6 \times \text{長径} \times \text{短径} \times \text{横径}$ [cm³] を求め合計する

→ X線CT画像を用いた体積測定

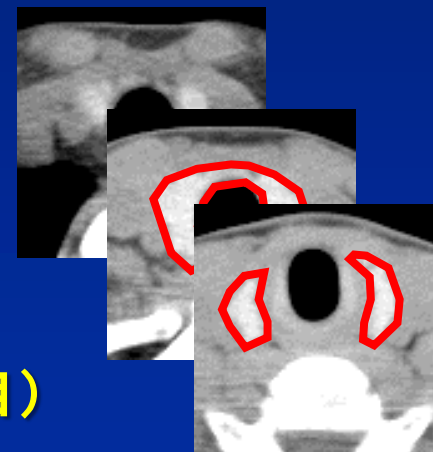
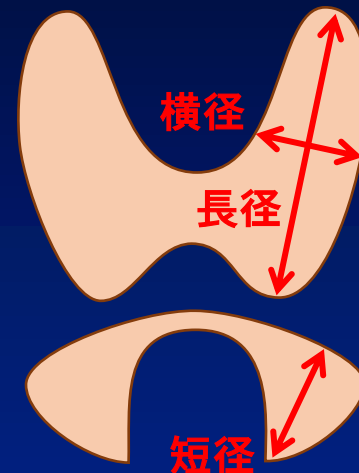
横断像から甲状腺領域を抽出し,各スライスの面積を算出

体積 = $\sum (\text{各スライスの面積} \times \text{スライス厚})$ [cm³]

ここが○ 超音波画像を用いた体積算出に比較して正確さは高い

ここが× 甲状腺部分をトレースする作業が煩雑,放射線被ばくを有する

楕円体近似法における甲状腺の測定長(特に短径,横径に着目)
によって,甲状腺体積がどの程度変動するかを検証した

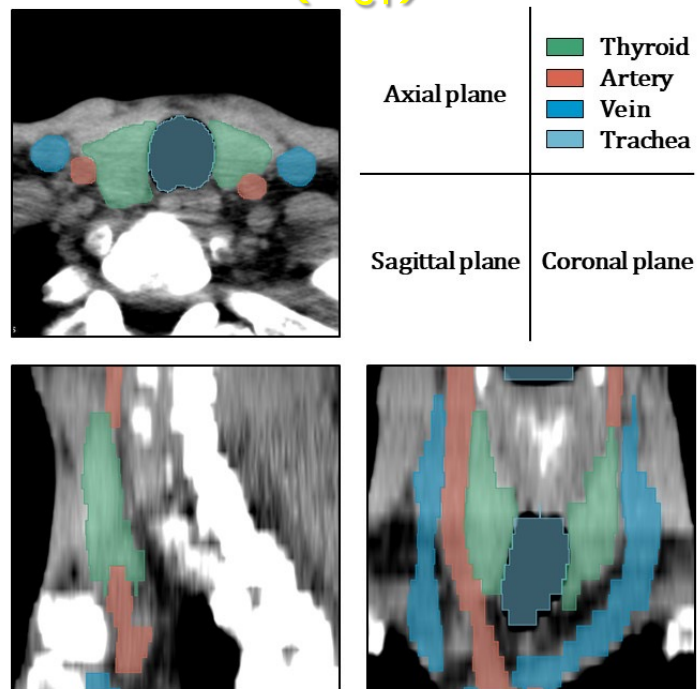


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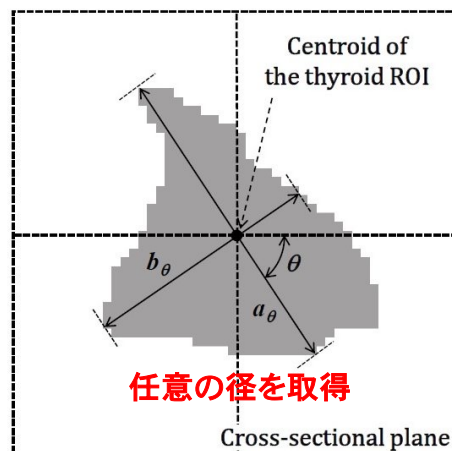


三次元的甲状腺体積測定 (V_{CT})



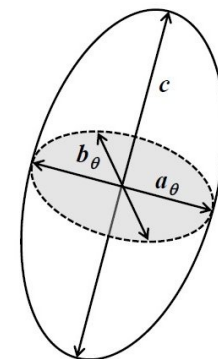
撮影した5mmスライス/5mm間隔のCT画像から用手的に甲状腺領域を抽出し、各スライスにおける甲状腺体積の総和として算出した

楕円体近似を用いた体積測定($V_{\text{ellipsoid}}$)



各葉で楕円体近似体積を計算

Ellipsoid approximation



$$V_{\text{ellipsoid}}(\theta_L, \theta_R) = \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \times a_{\theta_L} \times b_{\theta_L} \times c_L \right)_{\text{Left lobe}} + \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \times a_{\theta_R} \times b_{\theta_R} \times c_R \right)_{\text{Right lobe}}$$

(8100 volumes) (90 volumes) (90 volumes)

The Mean volume of the 8100 thyroid volumes	: $V_{\text{ellipsoid,mean}}$
The volume using the maximum diameter (either a_{θ} or b_{θ}) combined with its orthogonal diameter	: $V_{\text{ellipsoid,maxlength}}$
The maximum volume among the 8100 thyroid volumes	: $V_{\text{ellipsoid,maxvolume}}$
The minimum volume among the 8100 thyroid volumes	: $V_{\text{ellipsoid,minvolume}}$

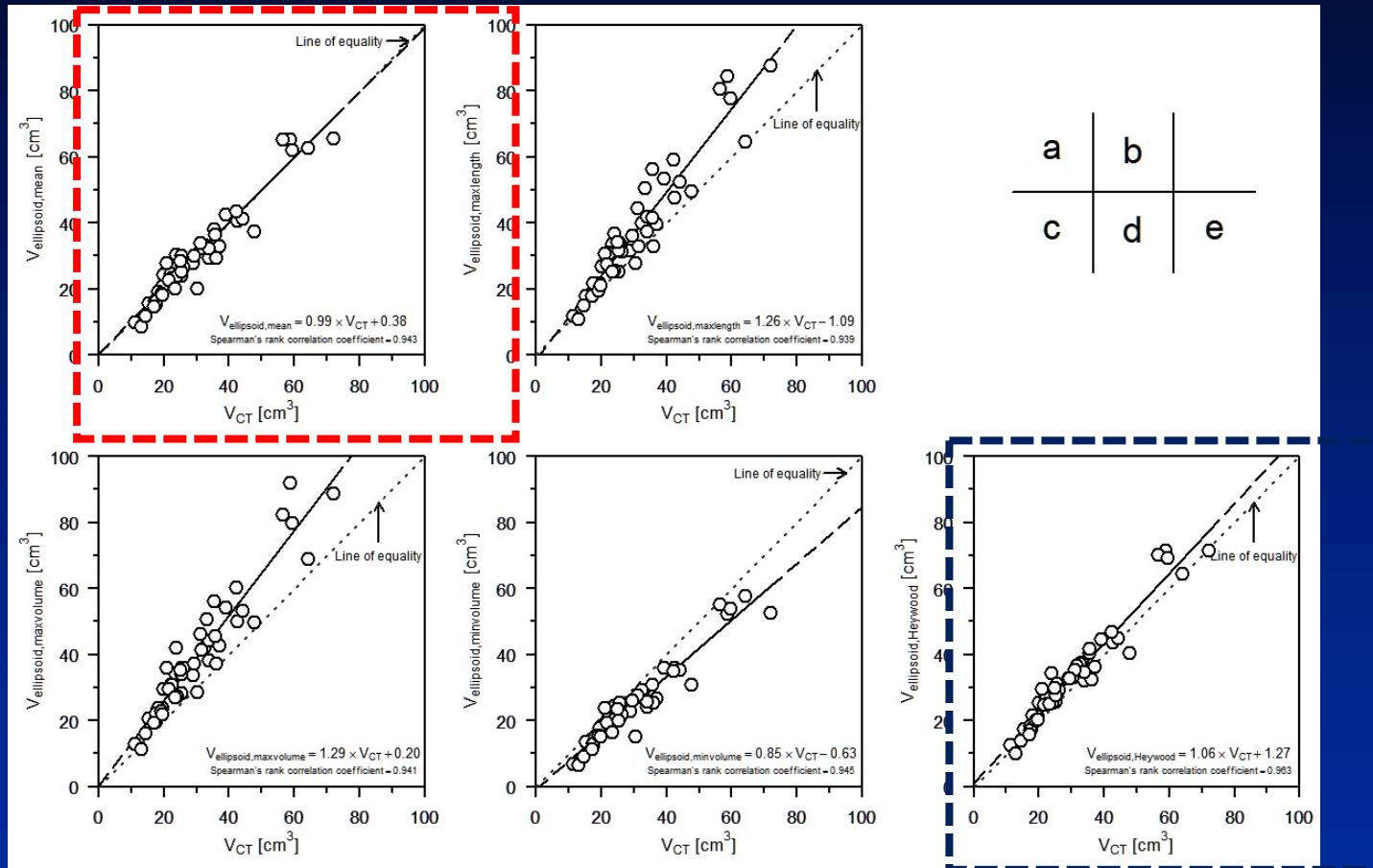
円相当径 $R[\text{cm}] = 2\sqrt{S/\pi}$ を用いた方法
($V_{\text{ellipsoid,Heywood}}$)

$$V_{\text{ellipsoid,Heywood}} [\text{cm}^3] = \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \times R_L \times R_L \times c_L \right)_{\text{Left lobe}} + \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \times R_R \times R_R \times c_R \right)_{\text{Right lobe}}$$

上記の5手法($V_{\text{ellipsoid}}$)について、CT画像から三次元的に算出した甲状腺体積(V_{CT})と比較し、楕円体近似の妥当性と最適な手法について検討した



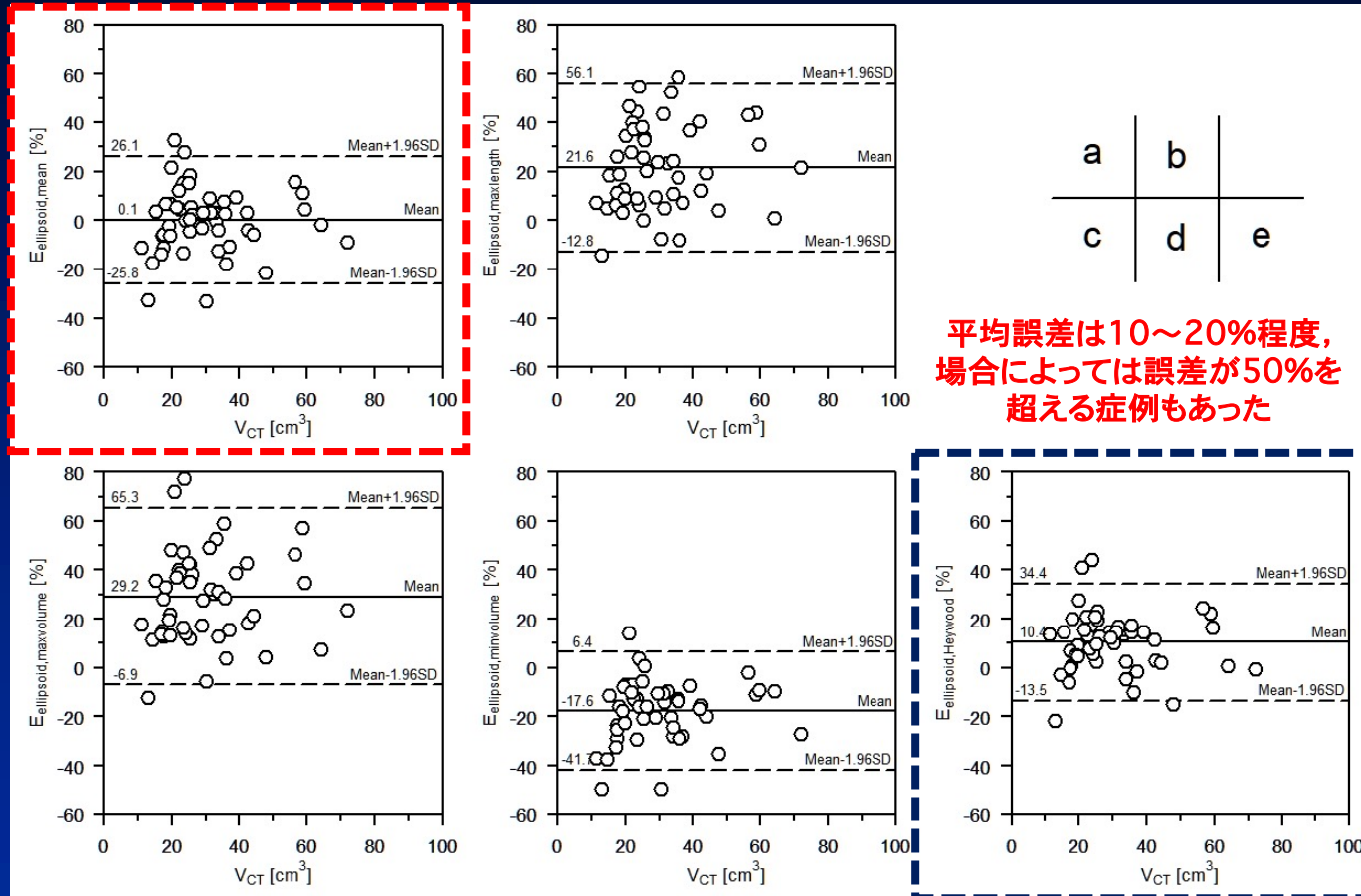
Relationship between V_{CT} and the five approximate volumes.



- ・任意の a, b の長さをもとに楕円体近似すると甲状腺体積は変動する
- ・楕円体近似体積の平均値を用いた場合 ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,mean}}$; 赤枠), 円相当径を用いた場合の楕円体近似体積 ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,Heywood}}$; 青枠) は V_{CT} と良好な一致関係を認める



Error rate between V_{CT} and the five approximate volumes.



- ・楕円体近似による甲状腺体積測定は、完全な代替手段にはなりえないかもしれない
- ・十分な測定精度を必要とする場合には、三次元的な甲状腺体積測定を行う必要がある

Variation in thyroid volumes due to differences in the measured length or area of the cross-sectional plane: A validation study of the ellipsoid approximation method using CT images

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Abstract

Purpose: This study examined the variation in the thyroid volume determined by the ellipsoid approximation method due to differences in the measured length or area of the cross-sectional plane of CT images.

Methods: Forty-five patients with Graves' disease were included in this retrospective study. We designated the three-dimensional thyroid volumes extracted manually (V_{CT}) as the reference data and calculated five approximate volumes for comparison: (a) the mean volume of 8100 different thyroid volumes depending on the diameter of the cross-sectional plane at the midpoint of the major axis, ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,mean}}$); (b) the volume using the maximum diameter and its orthogonal diameter, ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,maxlength}}$); (c) the maximum ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,maxvolume}}$); (d) minimum ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,minvolume}}$) of the 8100 thyroid volumes; and (e) the volume determined with an equivalent circle diameter, ($V_{\text{ellipsoid,Heywood}}$).

Results: Thyroid volumes obtained via the ellipsoid approximation method varied depending on the diameter of the cross-sectional plane and included a mean error of approximately 20%, while the concordance correlation coefficient (CCC) differed for each approximate volume. Among these volumes, $V_{\text{ellipsoid,mean}}$ and $V_{\text{ellipsoid,Heywood}}$ were in good agreement with V_{CT} , according to single regression analyses and the resultant CCC values, with mean errors of 0.1% and 10.4%, respectively.

Conclusion: While $V_{\text{ellipsoid,Heywood}}$ approximated thyroid volumes with vastly reduced errors, we recommend utilizing three-dimensional thyroid volumetry if measurement accuracy is required.

KEY WORDS

CT, ellipsoid approximation, graves' disease, internal radioiodine therapy, thyroid, volumetry

1 | INTRODUCTION

Internal radioiodine therapy (iodine-131) is a treatment for Graves' disease.¹ In radioiodine therapy for Graves' disease, the administered

radioactivity is often determined based on the patient's thyroid volume.²⁻⁴ Therefore, accurate thyroid volumetry before radioiodine therapy leads to the accurate determination of the administered radioactivity, thereby ensuring the therapeutic effect. Thyroid



¹³¹I 投与量を目標吸収線量を70～200Gy

Quimbyの式:

$$\text{投与量 (MBq)} = \frac{\text{吸収線量 (cGy)} \times \text{甲状腺重量 (g)}}{5.4 \times 24 \text{時間ヨード摂取率 (\%)} \times \text{有効半減期 (日)}}$$

吸収線量 70～200 Gy (7000～20000 cGy)





I-131 カプセル内服

ヨウ素制限食

→ 1～2週間前から

抗甲状腺薬休薬 投与量の決定

→ 3日以上前から(治療4日～14日前から中止し、治療後3日目から開始)

3日後から
ヨウ素制限
解除

I-131もしくは I-123摂取率測定
(3～7日程前)
有効半減期の測定

SPECT、シンチグラフィー

ベータ遮断薬やカルシウム拮抗薬
病状により、甲状腺機能が落ち着くまで服用



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バセドウ(グレーブス)病患者を対象としたSPECT定量画像とヨウ素の体内動態を用いた甲状腺吸収線量算出法

Quimbyの式

$$\text{投与放射能} = \text{単位変換係数} \times \frac{\text{甲状腺吸収線量} \times \text{甲状腺体積}}{\text{甲状腺ヨウ素摂取率} \times \text{有効半減期}}$$

➡ 式中の甲状腺吸収線量は ^{131}I 投与放射能から逆算される「目標値」ないし「推定値」

= Pre-therapeutic
dosimetry



実際の甲状腺吸収線量が適切に測定できていないという問題点
= 甲状腺吸収線量がわからないため、治療効果を予測できない

内用療法時のSPECT画像から ^{131}I の取り込みや分布を可視化し、そこから甲状腺吸収線量を「実測値」として算出できないか？

= Post-therapeutic image-based
dosimetry

MIRD*ガイドラインにおけるvoxel dosimetryを拡張し、SPECT定量画像とヨウ素の体内動態を用いた甲状腺吸収線量算出法を提案した

* MIRD: Medical Internal Radiation Dose

Committee

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・従来手法 D_{EANM} : EANM-based thyroid dosimetry (Pre-therapeutic dosimetry)

Hänscheid H, et. al. Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2013; 40(7): 1126–34

$$D_{\text{EANM}}[\text{Gy}] = A \cdot \bar{E} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \text{RIU}(t) dt / V = \frac{A_a \cdot \bar{E} \cdot k_t}{V \cdot k_B \cdot k_T}$$

V : 甲状腺体積[cm³], A_a : 投与放射能[MBq], \bar{E} : ¹³¹I 単位崩壊あたりの平均沈着エネルギー[MBq d Gy⁻¹ cm⁻³]

$\text{RIU}(t)$: 時刻 t における甲状腺ヨウ素摂取率

k_t : 血中から甲状腺への移行定数[d⁻¹], k_B : 血中外への移行定数[d⁻¹], k_T : 甲状腺外への移行定数[d⁻¹]

・提案手法 D_{image} : Post-therapeutic image-based dosimetry

➡ 内用療法時のSPECT画像から甲状腺吸収線量を「実測値」として算出する

$$D_{\text{image}}(x, y, z)[\text{Gy}] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{C_{\text{thyroid}}(x, y, z) \cdot S_{\text{vol}}}{T_{\text{thyroid}} \cdot \text{RIU}(24\text{h})} \cdot \text{RIU}(t) dt \otimes k_s$$

$$\bar{D}_{\text{image, PVC}}[\text{Gy}] = \frac{\bar{D}_{\text{image}}}{W_{\text{PVC}}}$$

甲状腺領域内の平均吸収線量を \bar{D}_{image} とし, 部分容積効果を補正したもの

C_{thyroid} : 甲状腺SPECT画像のボクセルカウント, T_{thyroid} : 甲状腺SPECT画像の撮像時間[sec.] ,
 S_{vol} : system volume sensitivity [MBq/cps], k_s : voxel S value* [mGy·MBq⁻¹·sec⁻¹]

* Bolch WE, et. al. J Nucl Med. 1999; 40(1): 11S–36S.

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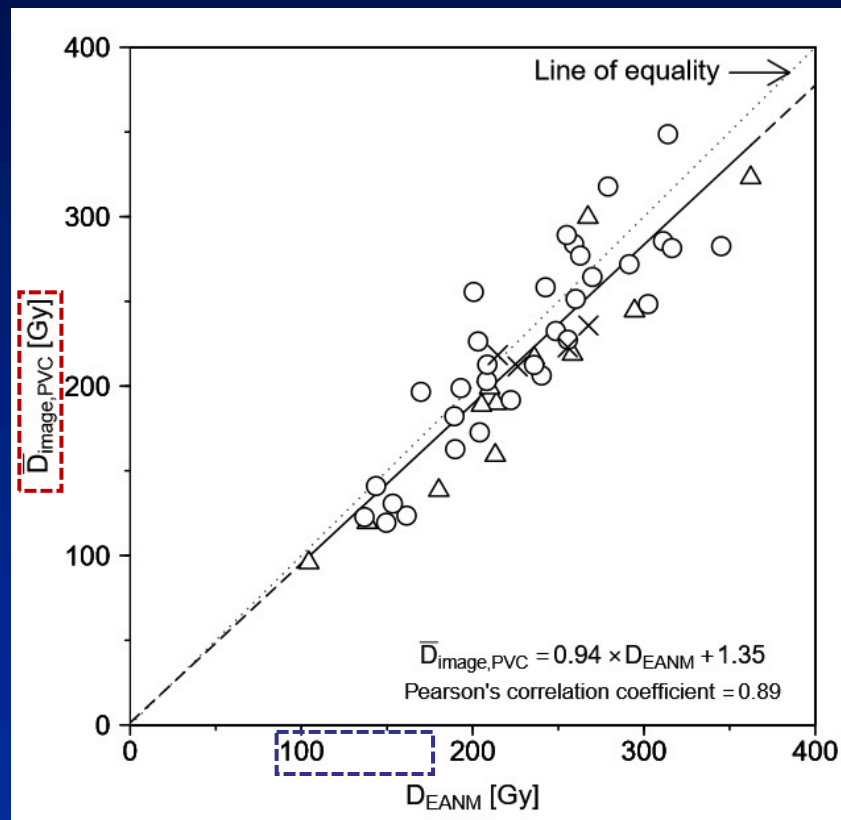
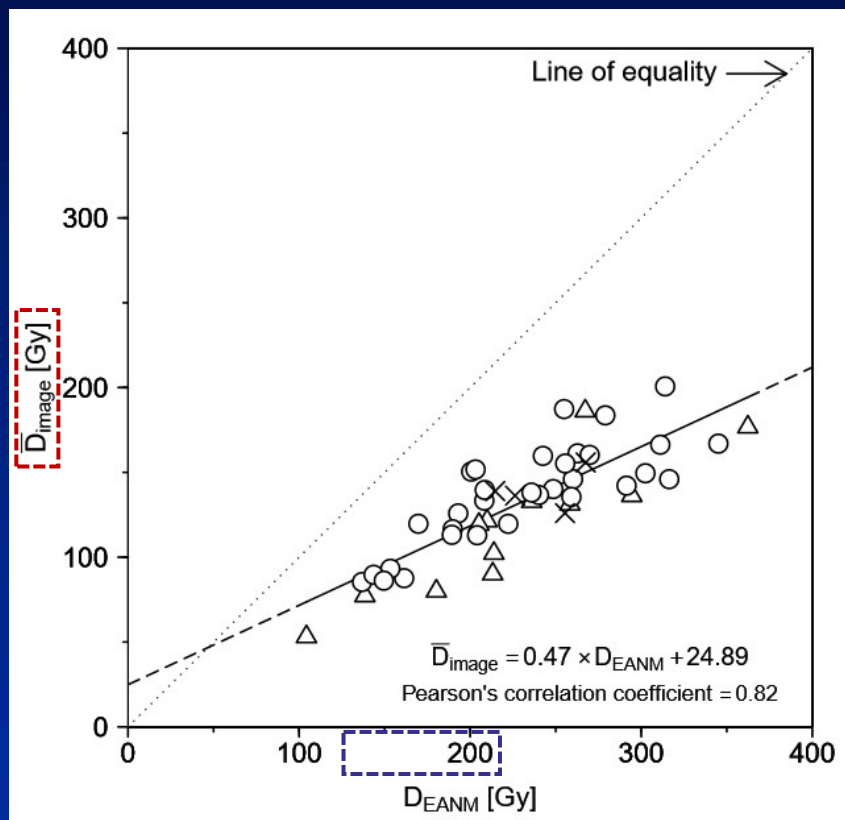


D_{EANM} と \bar{D}_{image} , $\bar{D}_{image,PVC}$ の関係 (左図: \bar{D}_{image} , 右図: $\bar{D}_{image,PVC}$)

○: 甲状腺機能低下状態, △: 甲状腺機能正常状態, ×: 甲状腺機能亢進状態

部分容積効果補正なし

部分容積効果補正あり



D_{EANM}

\bar{D}_{image}

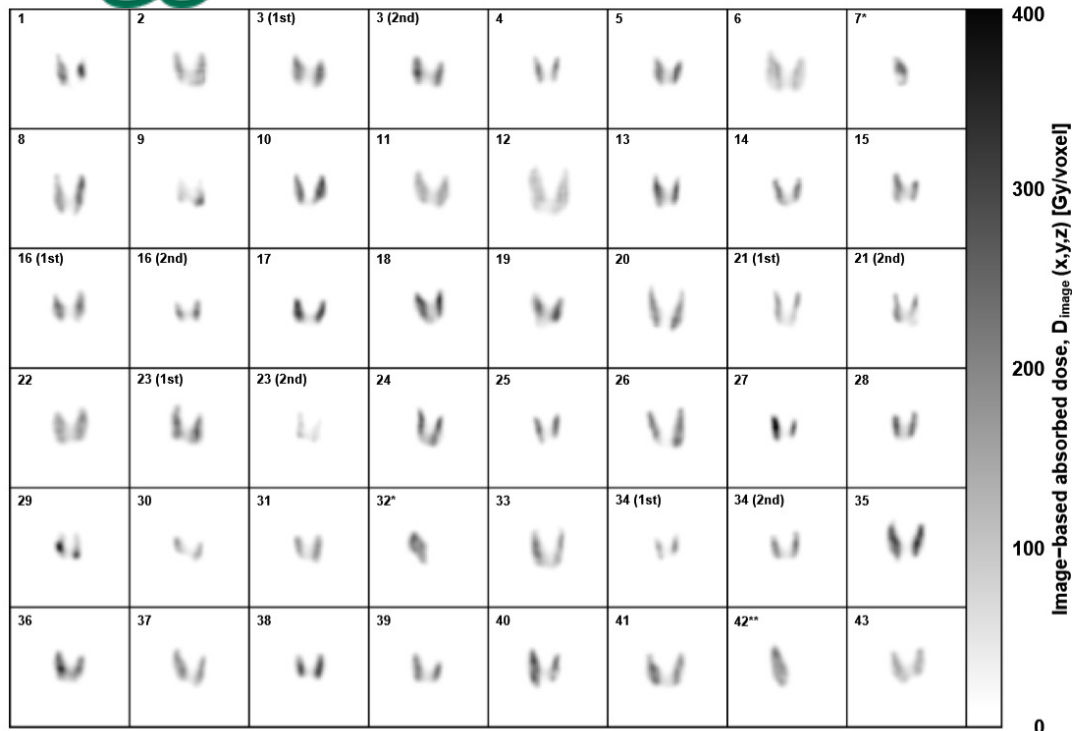
$\bar{D}_{image,PVC}$

230.2 ± 56.7 Gy
(104.3-362.3)

132.6 ± 32.2 Gy
(53.1-200.7)

217.9 ± 59.8 Gy
(95.7-348.6)

提案手法は、部分容積効果を補正した場合、EANM-based thyroid dosimetry (従来手法)と一致する傾向を認めた



Absorbed dose image of thyroid obtained from each patient.

従来手法は、甲状腺に対するヨウ素の集積を「推定」することで甲状腺吸収線量を計算



提案手法は、ボクセル単位で吸収線量を計算するため、内用療法時の ^{131}I の直接的な可視化と、局所的な線量分布を把握できる



将来的に治療効果予測に応用できるかもしれない


提案手法であるpost-therapeutic image-based dosimetryが、線量-効果判定を行うにあたり、現在の標準手法であるpre-therapeutic dosimetryの代替手段になり得る

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Investigation of post-therapeutic image-based thyroid dosimetry using quantitative SPECT/CT, iodine biokinetics, and the MIRD's voxel S values in Graves' disease

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Abstract

Background: Before radioiodine therapy for Graves' disease, the estimated thyroid-absorbed dose is calculated based on various clinical parameters. However, the actual accumulation of iodine in the thyroid during radioiodine therapy is not determined. We validated the feasibility of post-therapeutic image-based thyroid dosimetry through quantitative single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) imaging and thyroid biokinetics and expanding the Medical Internal Radiation Dose Committee's (MIRD) voxel dosimetry guidelines.

Methods: Forty-three patients with Graves' disease who underwent radioiodine therapy were chosen as subjects for this retrospective analysis. We acquired patients' SPECT images 24 h after oral administration. SPECT images were quantified using system volume sensitivity to calculate time-integrated activity coefficients on a voxel basis. Absorbed dose was obtained by convolving MIRD guideline voxel S values with time-integrated activity coefficients. To determine accuracy, we compared the results obtained using the post-therapeutic image-based absorbed-dose method ($D_{\text{Image,PVC}}$) with absorbed doses calculated using the method described by the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (pre-therapeutic method; D_{EANM}).

Results: Using image-based dosimetry as post-therapeutic dosimetry, we visualized the local accumulation and absorbed dose distribution of iodine in the thyroid. Furthermore, we determined a strong correlation (Pearson's correlation coefficient = 0.89) between both dosimetries, using the regression equation: $D_{\text{Image,PVC}} = 0.94 \times D_{\text{EANM}} + 1.35$.

Conclusion: Post-therapeutic image-based doses absorbed in the thyroid resembled those of pre-therapeutic EANM method-based absorbed doses. Additionally, the post-therapeutic image-based method had the advantage of visualizing thyroid iodine distribution, thus determining local dose distributions at the time of treatment. From these points, we propose that post-therapeutic image-based dosimetry could provide an alternative to standard pre-therapeutic dosimetry to evaluate dose response.

Keywords: Absorbed dose, Graves' disease, Internal radionuclide dosimetry, Radioiodine therapy, SPECT/CT, Thyroid

TP008 Studies on measurement of thyroid uptake rate on ^{131}I scintigraphy images



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Purpose

- Measurement of ^{131}I thyroid uptake rate (TUR) is usually performed before the internal ^{131}I therapy for patients with Graves' disease, and the dose of ^{131}I to be administered is determined from the data of TUR.
- In the previous study using a thyroid phantom, we found that TUR could be measured on the planar and SPECT/CT images with less than 5% of errors.
- In this study, we compared the TUR values before and after ^{131}I therapy using clinical data obtained from the planar and SPECT/CT images.

Patients and Methods

- TUR measurement system (AZ-800, Anzai Medical) (Fig. 1)
- Gamma camera and SPECT-CT (Fig. 2)
- High energy collimator
- Image J (National Institutes of Health)
- ^{131}I capsule (37 ~ 481 MBq)
- Consecutive 27 patients with Graves' disease treated with ^{131}I therapy in Nagoya University Hospital between December 2014 and August 2015 (male/female: 6/21, age: 17-79 y, mean \pm s.n.: 50.0 \pm 14.2 y).

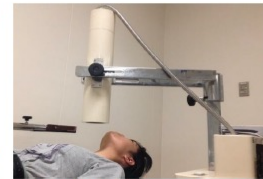


Fig. 1 TUR measurement system



Fig. 2 Siemens Symbia-T6

Table 1 Acquisition parameters (A: Planar, B: SPECT/CT)

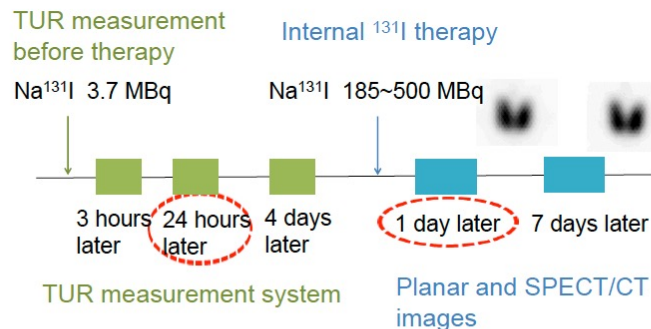
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(B)	Acquisition range	360°
	Acquisition angle	6° (30 views)
	Matrix size	128 × 128
	Zoom rate	× 1.45
	Pixel size	3.3 mm
	Acquisition time	5 min
	Acquisition orbit	Non-circular
	Detector motion	Continuous

Table 2 Reconstruction parameters

Reconstruction	3D-OSEM
Iteration	15
Subset	6
Post-reconstruction filter	Gaussian (FWHM: 6 mm)
CTAC,SC	+

※The study was performed according to the approval of the Ethics Committee of Medicine at Nagoya University for Human Studies (No.15-303).

1. Outlines of the procedures of TUR measurement 2. Measurement of TUR



The TUR values calculated with the planar and SPECT/CT images which were obtained 1 day after internal ^{131}I therapy were compared with those measured by the TUR measurement system before ^{131}I therapy.

First, using the planar and SPECT/CT images acquired with the ^{131}I capsule, the equation for indicating the relationship between the ^{131}I radioactivity and the counts on the planar and SPECT/CT images were established (Fig. 3). Using the equation, the counts on the planar and SPECT/CT images corresponding to the ^{131}I dose administered were determined.

The TUR values were calculated with the planar and SPECT/CT images. Rectangular ROIs were drawn on planar images and SPECT/CT axial images, and total counts were measured using Image J. Background counts were obtained by using average counts of rectangular ROIs at the four corners on the images (Fig. 4 and 5).

TUR was calculated as follows;

$$\text{TUR} [\%] = (T - B) / A \times 100$$

T: Total counts of the thyroid images [counts]
B: Background counts of the thyroid images [counts]
A: Counts on the images corresponding to the ^{131}I dose administered [counts]

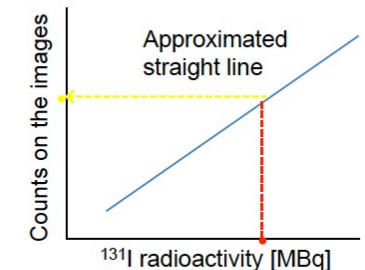


Fig. 3 Determination of the counts on the images corresponding to the ^{131}I dose administered

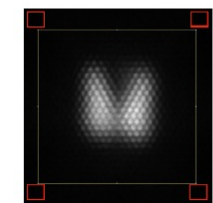


Fig. 4 Planar image

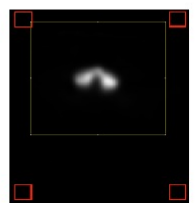


Fig. 5 SPECT/CT image



Results

- The TUR values measured on the planar and SPECT/CT images after ^{131}I therapy closely correlated with those measured by the TUR measurement system before ^{131}I therapy ($R>0.7$) (Fig. 6).
- In the results of Bland-Altman Plots, systematic error was found between the TUR values before and after ^{131}I therapy, and the TUR values measured after ^{131}I therapy tended to be smaller than those measured before the therapy (Fig. 7).
- The intervals of 95%LOA in the planar and SPECT/CT images were 25.9% and 26.7%, respectively.
- In relation to 95%LOA and the mean differences, there were no clinically significant differences between the TUR values measured on the planar and those measured on the SPECT/CT images.

Discussion

- The TUR values measured after ^{131}I therapy tended to be smaller than those measured before the therapy. There might be the following reasons for this finding.
 - The difference in the TUR values due to influence of the restriction of iodine intake.
 - The difference in the accuracy of the measurements of TUR values.
 - The difference in shapes between ^{131}I capsule and the thyroid gland. In establishment of the equation for indicating the relationship between the ^{131}I radioactivity and the counts on the images, images acquired with the ^{131}I capsule were used.
- The intervals of 95%LOA in both the planar images (25.9%) and the SPECT/CT images (26.7%) were wide. Four of the total 27 cases showed more than 15% difference between the TUR values before and after the therapy. Therefore, clinical cases may occur whose TUR values measured after ^{131}I therapy significantly differ from those measured before the therapy. Relatively small sample size in this study ($n=27$) might cause the wide intervals of 95%LOA. Further studies with increased numbers of cases will be needed.
- Essentially the same TUR values were obtained with use of both the planar and the SPECT/CT images. Further studies will be conducted by using SPECT/CT to elucidate the relationship between the effect of ^{131}I therapy and the dose of ^{131}I actually absorbed into the thyroid gland.

Conclusion

- The results suggest a possibility that clinical cases may occur whose TUR values measured after ^{131}I therapy significantly differ from those measured before the therapy.
- Essentially the same TUR values were obtained with use of both the planar and SPECT/CT images.

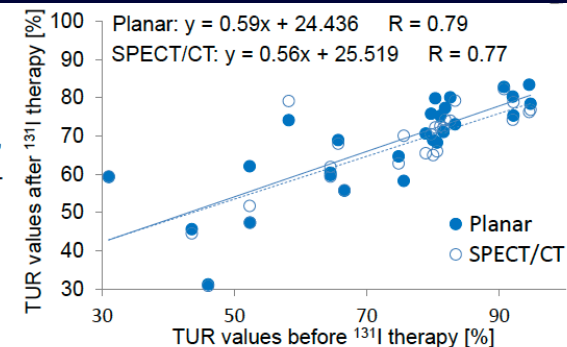


Fig. 6 The relationships between the TUR values after ^{131}I therapy and those before ^{131}I therapy

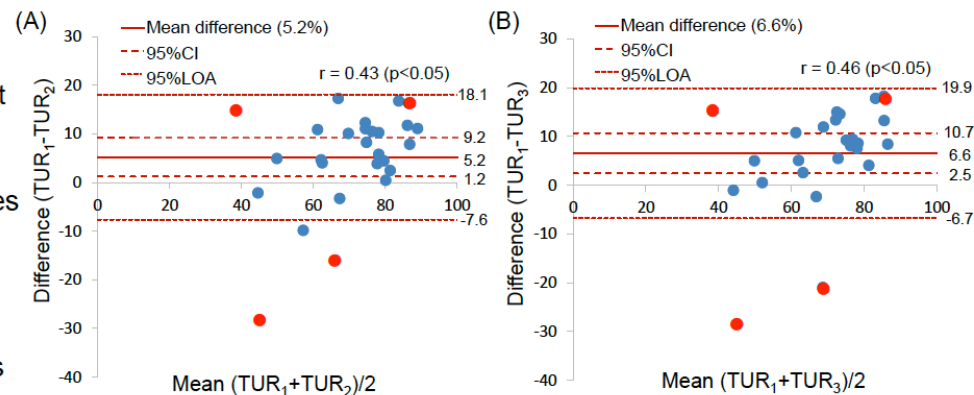


Fig. 7 Bland-Altman Plots. (A) Difference between the TUR values measured before ^{131}I therapy (TUR_1) and those measured on the planar images after the therapy (TUR_2). (B) Difference between the TUR values measured before ^{131}I therapy (TUR_1) and those measured on the SPECT/CT images after the therapy (TUR_3).

※The cases showing more than 15% difference between the TUR values before and after the therapy are colored red.

TP003 Dosimetry of absorbed doses of Radioiodine-131 in Therapy for Hyperthyroidism



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Purpose

- It is important to evaluate accurately absorbed doses of ¹³¹I in therapy for patients with Graves' disease. Therapeutic effects may be estimated more accurately by evaluating quantitatively absorbed doses in the thyroid gland.
- The purpose of this study was to evaluate the absorbed doses of ¹³¹I in the thyroid gland in therapy for patients with Graves' disease using the SPECT/CT images acquired after the therapy.

Materials

- Gamma camera and SPECT/CT:
Symbia T6 (Siemens Healthcare)
Collimator: high energy (HE)
- Thyroid uptake ratio (TUR) measurement system:
AZ-800 (Anzai Medical)
- Well counter: ACCUFLEX γ 7001 (Aloka)
- Processing and analyzing software:
Syngo MI Applications VA60A (Siemens Healthcare)
Image J (National Institutes of Health)
- Pool phantom
- ¹³¹I capsule (222 ~ 481 MBq)
- Solution of ¹³¹I

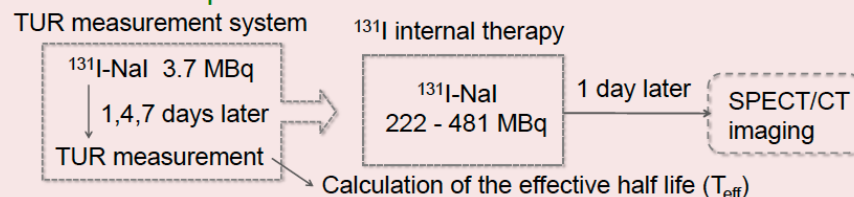
Patients

27 patients with hyperthyroidism who received ¹³¹I therapy between December 2014 and June 2016 (the total cases of the treatment were 30).

Male/Females: 5/22
Age range: 27 – 79 years
(52.6 ± 12.9 years)

※The study was performed according to the approval of the Ethics Committee of Medicine at Nagoya University for Human Studies (No.15-303).

Outlines of the procedures of the treatment



Methods

1. Calculation of cross calibration factor (CCF)

- A solution of ¹³¹I was enclosed into the pool phantom. Its SPECT-CT data were acquired and the radioactivity of the ¹³¹I solution was measured by the well counter. Circular ROIs were drawn on the axial images and average counts per voxel were measured using Image J. CCF was calculated as follows;
CCF=W/P (P: the average counts per voxel of the images [counts/voxel], W: the radioactivity of the ¹³¹I solution measured by the well counter [MBq/ml]).

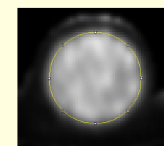


Fig.1 SPECT/CT image of the pool phantom

2. Calculation of absorbed dose at the voxel level

The voxel S value Approach¹⁾

$$D(\text{voxel}_k) = \sum_{h=0}^N \tilde{A}(\text{voxel}_h) \cdot S(\text{voxel}_k \leftarrow \text{voxel}_h)$$

Voxel_k: target voxel Voxel_h: source voxel

$D(\text{voxel}_k)$: Dose at the voxel_k
 $\tilde{A}(\text{voxel}_h)$: Accumulated activities at the voxel_h
 $S(\text{voxel}_k \leftarrow \text{voxel}_h)$: The mean absorbed dose to the target voxel_k per radioactive decay in the source voxel_h

※ A case in which target voxel_k is surrounded by N source voxels

1) Wesley E. Bolch, et al.: MIRD Pamphlet No.17: The Dosimetry of Nonuniform Activity Distributions-Radionuclide S Values at the Voxel Level. J Nucl Med. 40: 11s-36s, 1999



Results

The virtually mean absorbed doses

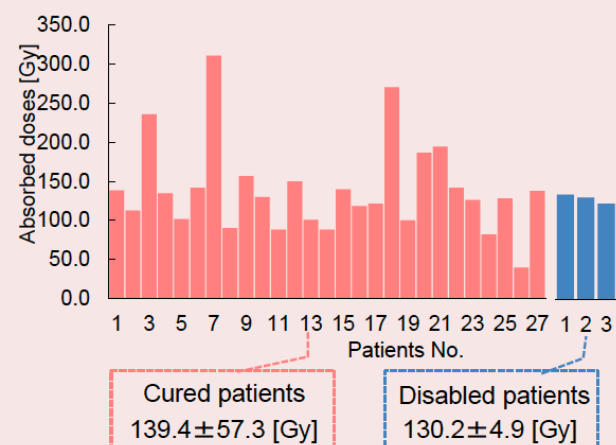


Fig. 2 The virtually mean absorbed doses for each patient

% difference: $(D_{\text{expected}} - D_{\text{virtual}}) / D_{\text{expected}}$

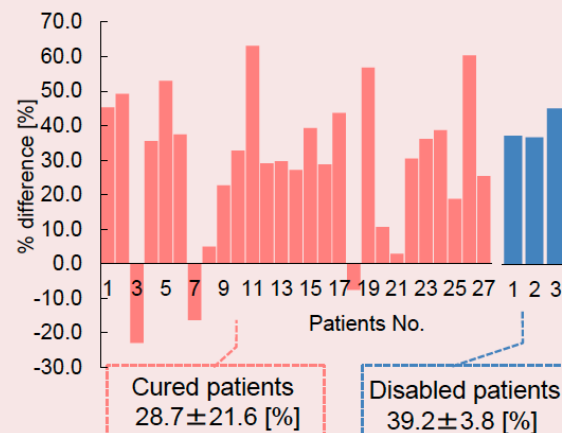


Fig. 3 Percentage difference in the virtually mean absorbed doses for the expected absorbed doses

Conclusion

- The absorbed doses of ^{131}I in therapy for patients with Graves' disease were obtained by using the SPECT/CT images acquired after the therapy.
- The results reflected the therapeutic effect.
- Further studies with an increased number of cases will be needed to evaluate the relationship between the absorbed doses and the therapeutic effects.

Discussion

% difference

- Cured patients: $28.7 \pm 21.8\%$, Disabled patients: $39.2 \pm 3.8\%$

T_{eff} : 6.4 ± 1.7 [day]

U : 70.0 ± 17.9 [%]

T_{eff} : 5.8 ± 0.5 [day]

U : 77.1 ± 11.1 [%]

- The difference between the virtually mean absorbed doses and the expected absorbed doses in the cured patients was smaller than that in the disabled patients.
- The effective half life seemed to be more important than the other factors affecting the absorbed doses.

Conformity index: CI

$$V_x / V_{\text{thyroid}} = \frac{\text{The volume irradiated with } x \text{ percent of the prescription dose } [\text{cm}^3]}{\text{The volume of the thyroid } [\text{cm}^3]}$$

	Cured patients	Disabled patients
$V_{100} / V_{\text{thyroid}}$	0.19 ± 0.16	0.11 ± 0.02
$V_{90} / V_{\text{thyroid}}$	0.26 ± 0.18	0.16 ± 0.02
$V_{50} / V_{\text{thyroid}}$	0.70 ± 0.26	0.59 ± 0.02

- CI: Cured patients > Disabled patients
- Ununiform distribution of ^{131}I may influence to the therapeutic effect

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甲状腺機能亢進症、甲状腺癌の ^{131}I 内用療法

- 500MBq(13.5mCi)まで外来で投与可能
- 500MBq(13.5mCi)以上は放射線治療病室へ収容が必要
- 退室の基準(500MBq、1mの距離で1cm線量当量率は $30\mu\text{Sv/hr}$)

(医薬発第70号通達)

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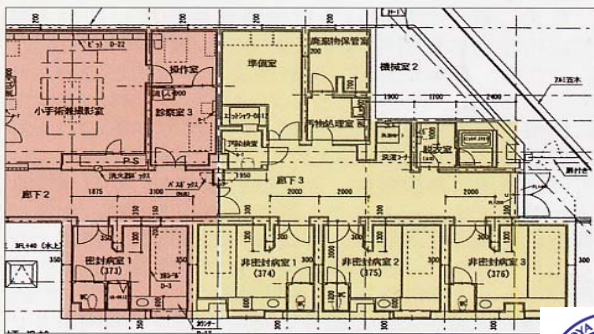


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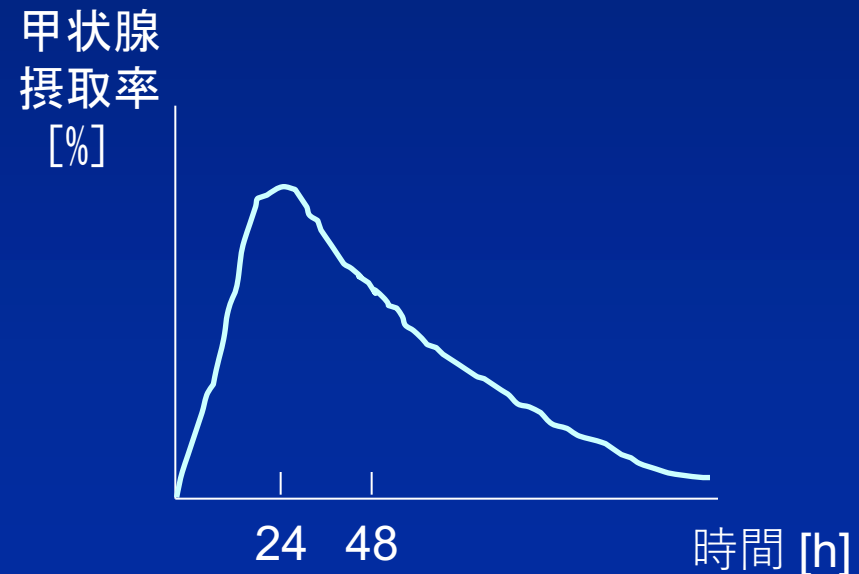
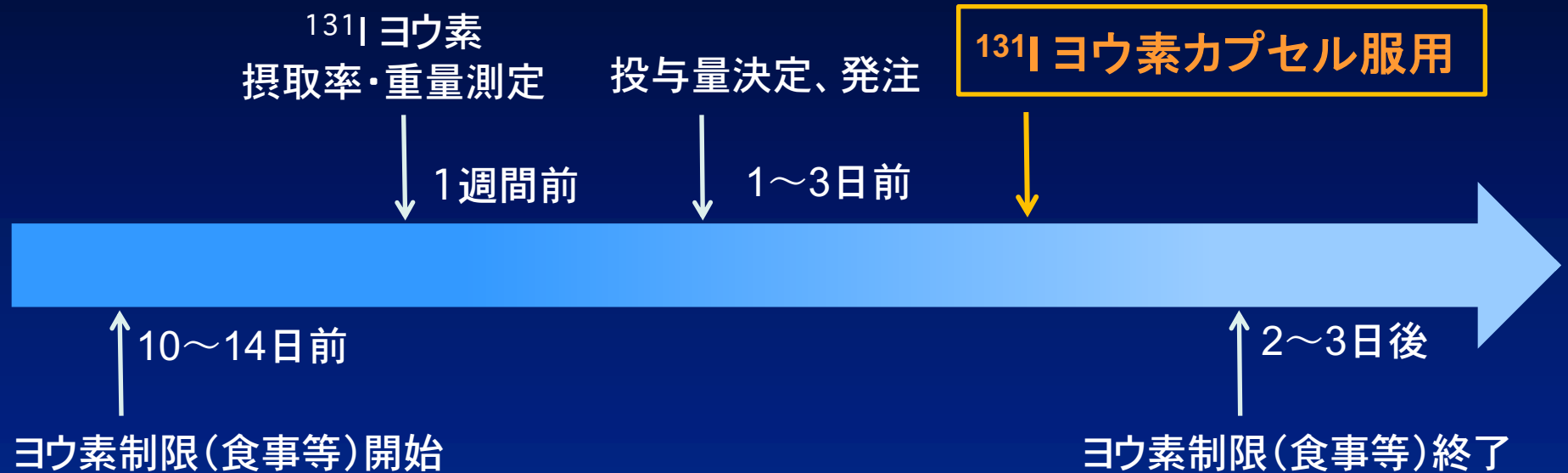
当院でのバセドウ病に対する内用療法症例

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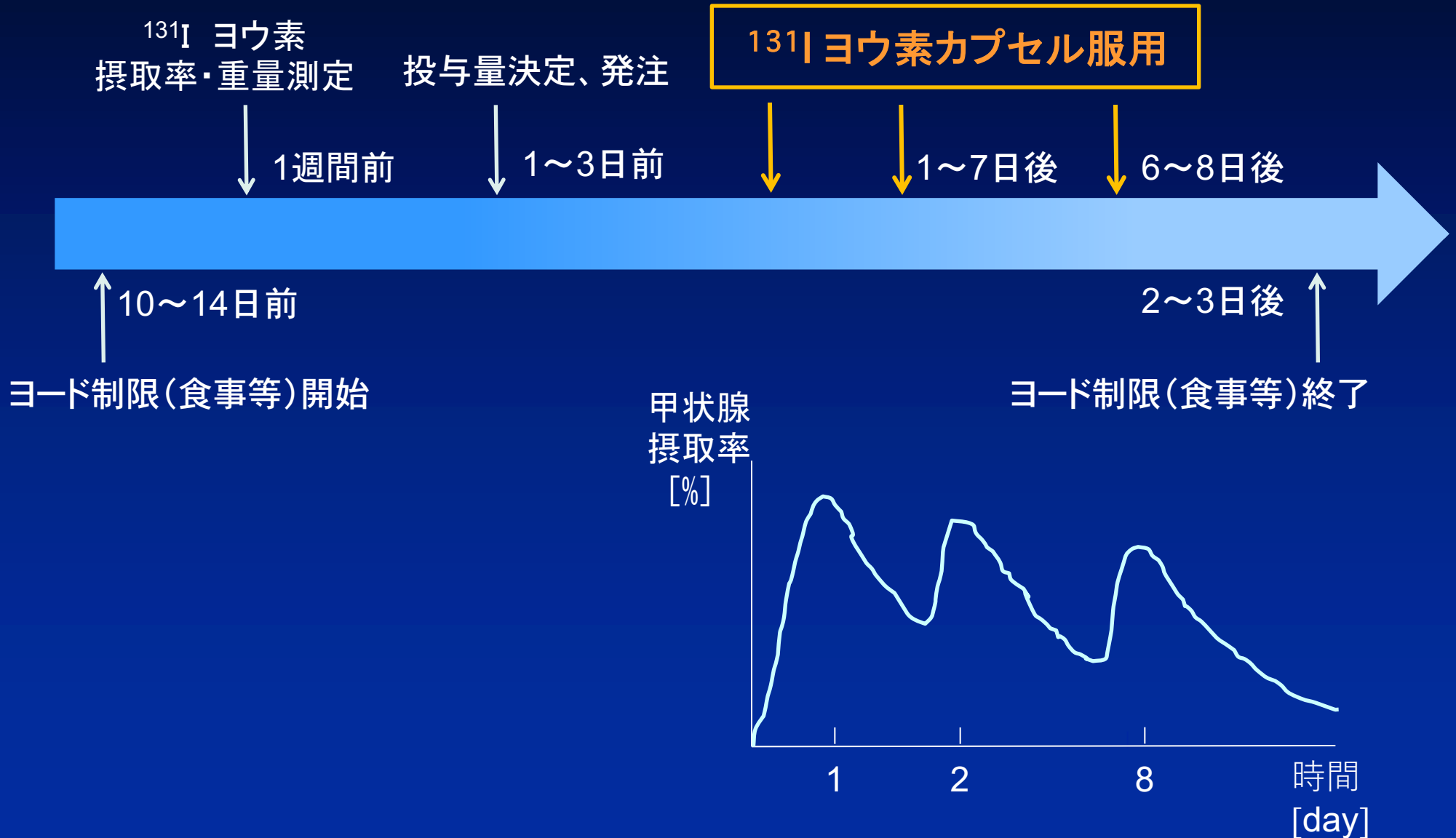
順位	年齢/性別	甲状腺重量(g)
1	80/F	672
2	66/F	482
3	49/M	465
4	67/F	451
5	45/M	413
6	65/F	410
7	47/F	399
8	33/F	383
9	66/F	369
10	49/M	361
11	48/M	343
12	52/F	336
13	33/M	332
14	43/F	315
15	47/F	306
16	27/F	300



^{131}I 内用療法スケジュール(通常)



^{131}I 内用療法スケジュール(分割照射)





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Background

• The radioiodine-131 therapy for hyperthyroidism

Criteria for ¹³¹I therapy in Japan:

The dose of ¹³¹I to be administered or residual radioactivity must not exceed 500 MBq.

- ✓ Dose of ¹³¹I to be administered ≤ 500 MBq
→ Patients receive the ¹³¹I therapy in outpatient clinics.
- ✓ Dose of ¹³¹I to be administered > 500 MBq
→ Patients have to be treated in hospitals.

The dose of ¹³¹I to be administered [MBq] =
The absorbed dose [cGy] \times The weight of the thyroid [g]
 $5.4 \times$ Thyroid uptake rate [%] \times The effective half life [day]

Some patients need > 500 MBq of ¹³¹I because of the large weight of the thyroid.

However { The number of patients with hyperthyroidism or thyroid cancer who need ¹³¹I therapy \uparrow
The number of sickrooms for ¹³¹I therapy \downarrow

→ The number of patients who can be treated in hospitals is limited.
→ It is desirable that ¹³¹I therapy can be performed in outpatient clinics regardless of the dose of ¹³¹I to be administered.

Although fractionated administration in every 3~6 months is generally performed in Japan, it is time-consuming.

It is desirable that patients can be treated by fractionated administration with shorter intervals.

Purpose

To evaluate the effectiveness of fractionated administration of ¹³¹I for patients with hyperthyroidism who needed the ¹³¹I therapy with > 500 MBq, we compared the expected absorbed doses and the virtually absorbed doses. The fractionated administration was performed in outpatient clinics at intervals of ≤ 8 days.

Materials

- Gamma camera: Symbia T6 (Siemens)
Collimator: high energy (HE)
- Thyroid uptake ratio (TUR) measurement system: AZ-800 (Anzai Medical) (Fig. 1)
- Processing and analyzing software: Syngo MI Applications VA60A (Siemens)
Image J (National Institutes of Health)
- ¹³¹I capsule (47~481 MBq)



Fig.1 TUR measurement system

Patients

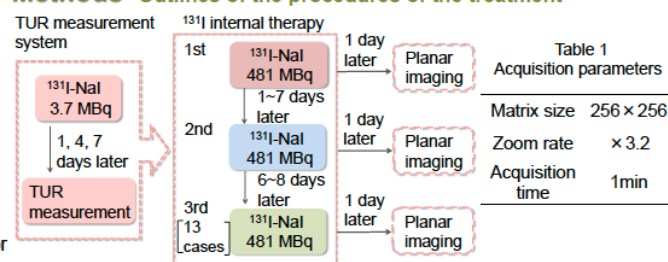
30 patients with hyperthyroidism who received ¹³¹I therapy between July 2012 and November 2015 (The total cases of the treatment were 37).

Male/Females: 8/22
Age range: 17 ~ 78 years
(44.2 ± 14.4 years)

※The study was performed according to the approval of the Ethics Committee of Medicine at Nagoya University for Human Studies (No.15-303).

Methods

Outlines of the procedures of the treatment



Comparison between the virtually absorbed doses and the expected absorbed doses

- The virtually absorbed doses were calculated with the data acquired from the planar images.
- Rectangular ROIs were drawn on the planar images.
→ Total counts were measured using Image J.

➢ Correlation between ¹³¹I activity and counts on the images

- The planar images acquired with the ¹³¹I capsule
→ The equation for indicating the relationship between the ¹³¹I radioactivity and the counts on the planar images was established (Fig.3).



Fig.2 Planar image

Determination of the ¹³¹I radioactivity corresponding to the counts on the images

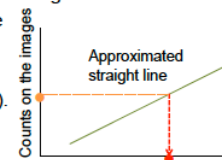


Fig.3 Determination of the counts on the images corresponding to the ¹³¹I dose administered

- The expected absorbed doses and the virtually absorbed doses were calculated according to the Quimby formula;
Expected absorbed doses [cGy] = $(5.4 \times \text{Teff} \times \text{Dadmin} \times \text{U}) / \text{W}$

Virtually absorbed doses [cGy] = $(5.4 \times \text{Teff} \times \text{Dimage}) / \text{W}$

Teff: The effective half life [day] Dadmin: ¹³¹I dose administered [MBq]
U: Thyroid uptake rate [%] W: The weight of the thyroid [g]
Dimage: ¹³¹I radioactivity corresponding to the counts on the planar images [MBq]

- Virtually absorbed doses-to-expected absorbed doses ratio (VER)

= Expected absorbed doses / Virtually absorbed doses

= Dadmin \times U / Dimage

→ We compared VER obtained after the second and third administrations with that obtained after the first administration.

Classification of therapeutic effects

- Cured** → Normalization or decline in the function of the thyroid gland
→ ¹³¹I treatment has ended.
- Improved** → Improvement of the blood test results, clinical findings, and weight of the thyroid gland → However, the ¹³¹I treatment has not yet ended.

Results

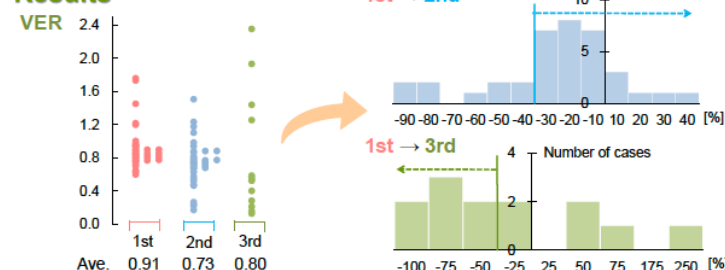


Fig.4 VER in each administration

Fig.5 Distribution of rate of change in VER

Therapeutic effects

- Cured** (28 patients, 93%)
 - ✓ The number of fractions: Two (18 patients), Three (10 patients)
 - ✓ VER: 0.83 ± 0.26
 - ✓ Weight of the thyroid gland: 134.1 ± 68.0 g
 - ✓ Age: 44.4 ± 13.5
- Improved** (2 patients, 7%)
 - ✓ The number of fractions: Two (1 patient), Three (1 patient)
 - ✓ VER: 0.69 ± 0.16
 - ✓ Weight of the thyroid gland: 333.6 ± 148.8 g
 - ✓ Age: 41.0 ± 21.0

Discussion

- VER**
 - Average: 0.91 (1st), 0.73 (2nd), 0.80 (3rd) (Fig.4)
 - 1st→2nd: The rate of change in VER were more than -30% in 28 cases (76%).
 - 2nd→3rd: The rate of change in VER were less than -50% in 7 cases (54%) (Fig.5).
- High therapeutic effects are expected by twice divided ¹³¹I therapy.
- Further studies with increased numbers of cases will be needed to evaluate the effectiveness of three times administrations.

Therapeutic effects

- VER of the patients who were improved is not very small compared to the VER of the patients who were cured. → Therapeutic effects are expected.
- Weight of the thyroid gland of the 2 patients who were improved are so large.
→ If sufficient dose of ¹³¹I is administered to 2 patients by retreatment, they may be cured.

Conclusions

- Results suggest that high therapeutic effects on hyperthyroidism are expected by twice divided ¹³¹I administrations.
- Further studies with increased numbers of cases will be needed to evaluate the effectiveness of three times divided ¹³¹I administrations.



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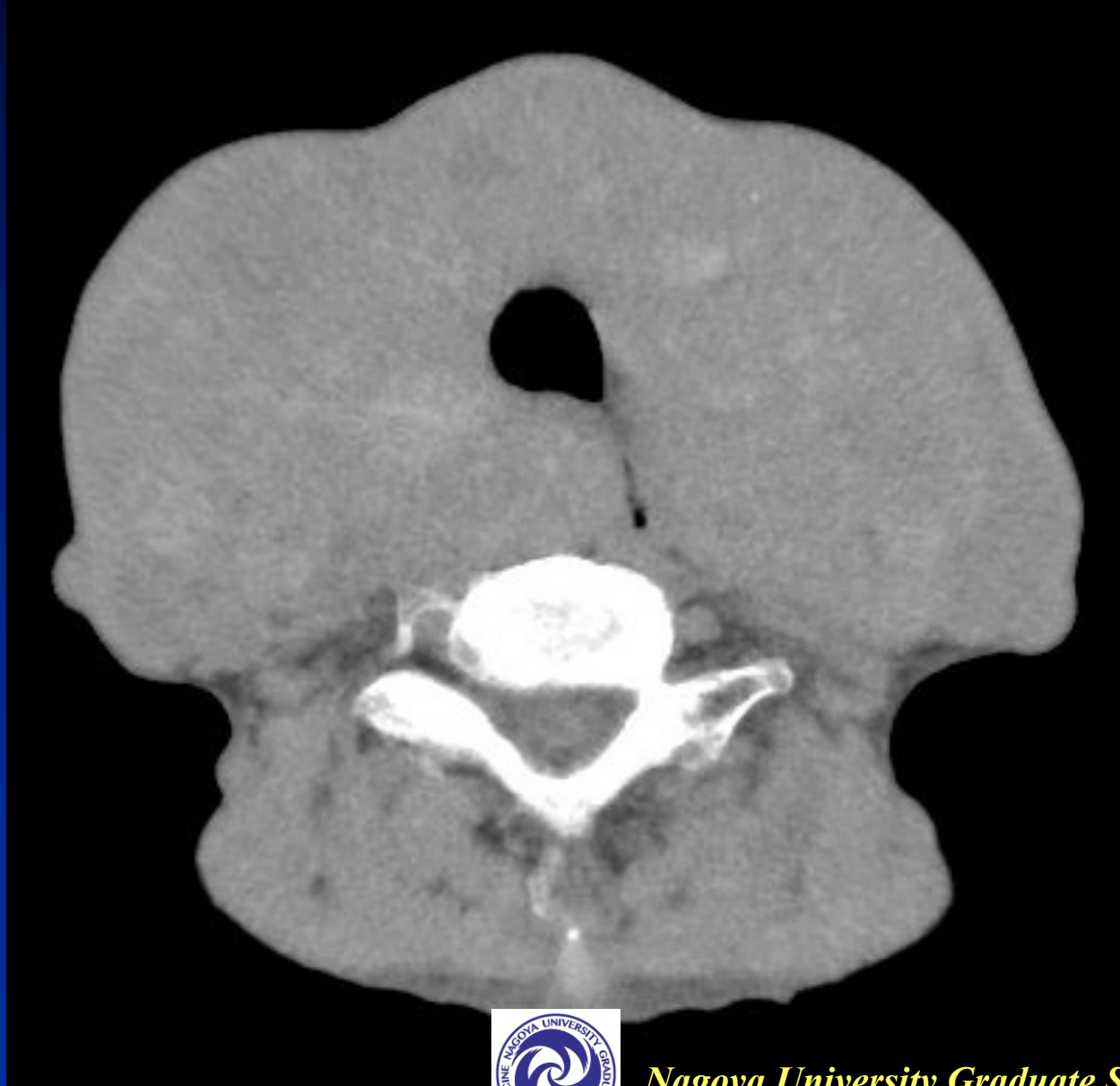
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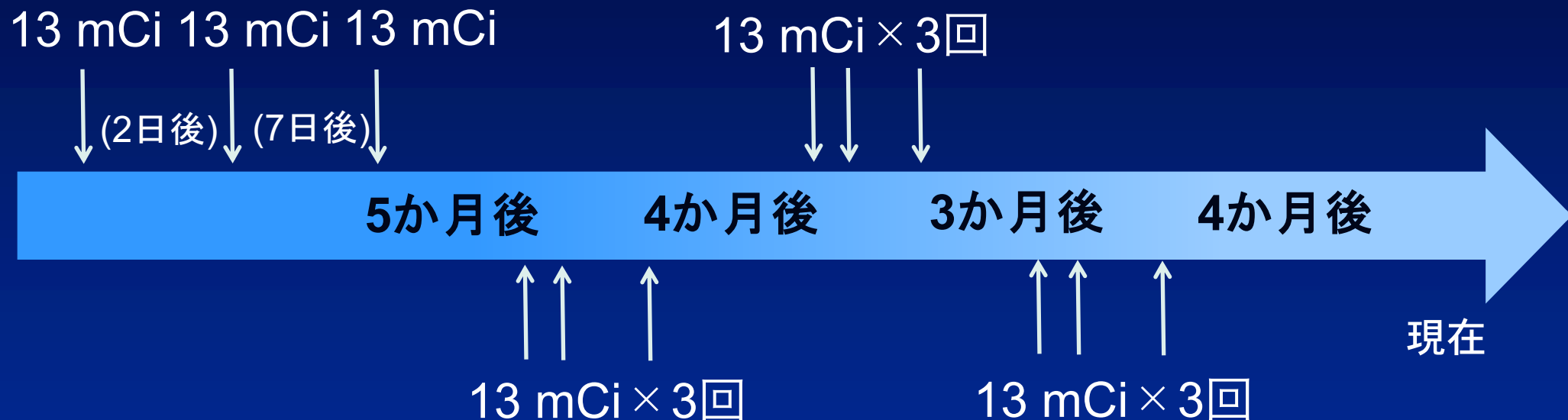






症例 6

^{131}I ヨウ素カプセル服用



- ・ 総投与量: 156 mCi
- ・ 最後の投与後4か月でチアマゾール1T/日内服中







甲状腺機能亢進症における甲状腺CT値と 甲状腺機能の関係性

◆甲状腺機能を評価する新しい指標の探索

- X線CT画像において、原子番号の大きいヨウ素を多く含む甲状腺はCT値が高くなり、正常な甲状腺のCT値はおおよそ110 Hounsfield unit (HU)となる。
- 一方でバセドウ病は、甲状腺CT値が正常よりも有意に低いという報告がある¹⁾。
 - 甲状腺CT値が甲状腺の機能を反映している可能性がある。

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バセドウ病の患者50例について、甲状腺平均CT値と下記のパラメータとの相関関係を調べた。

甲状腺重量

24時間ヨウ素摂取率

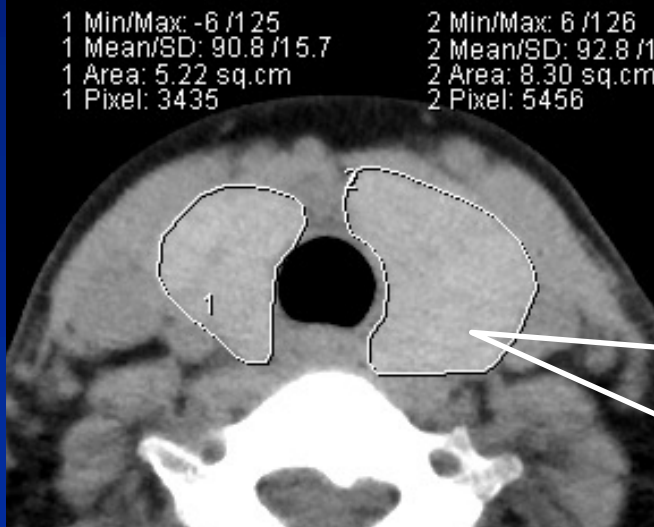
有効半減期

Free triiodothyronine (FT3)

Free thyroxine (FT4)

Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)

TSH receptor antibody (TRAb)

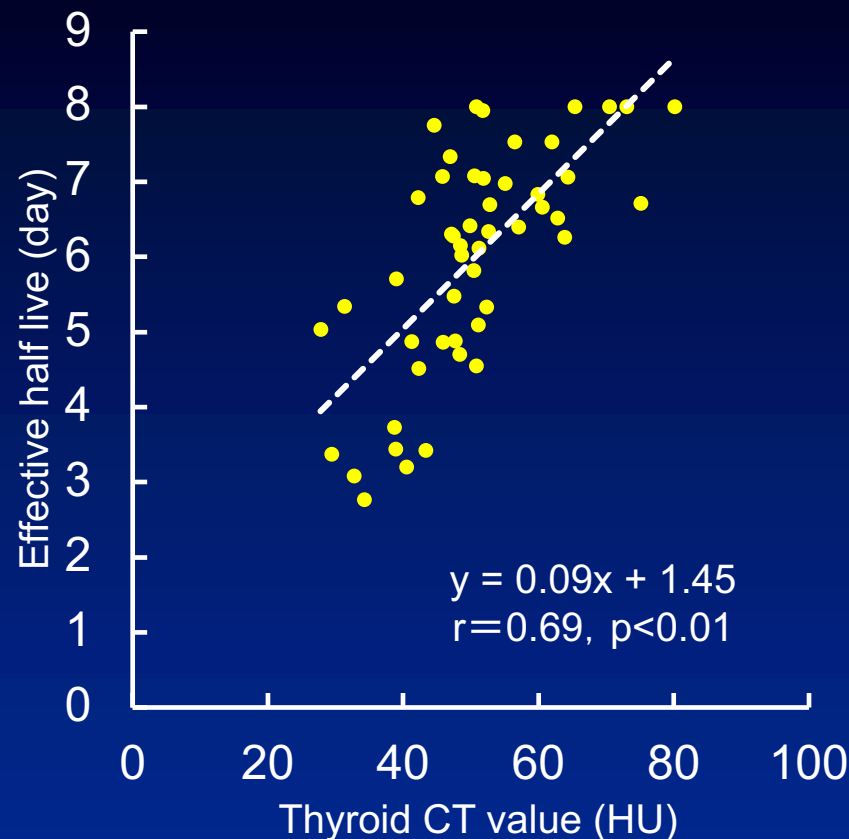


甲状腺CT値はX線CT画像上の甲状腺全体にROIを設置して算出した。





- 甲状腺CT値と有効半減期との間に有意な正の相関、TRAb値との間に弱い負の相関がみられた。
- 有効半減期は甲状腺のヨウ素排出の速度を表す。
- 甲状腺CT値は甲状腺のヨウ素排出に関わる因子と関係があると考えられる。



甲状腺CT値と有効半減期の関係

甲状腺CT値は主にヨウ素排出に関する因子と関係があり、甲状腺機能を反映していることが示唆された。



Correlation between the thyroid computed tomography value and thyroid function in hyperthyroidism: a retrospective study

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Abstract

Objective Radioiodine (I-131) therapy for hyperthyroidism is a well-established and safe treatment option. This study aimed to investigate the relationship between the computed tomography (CT) value and the function and volume of the thyroid gland by identifying the factors that induce changes in the CT value of patients with hyperthyroidism.

Methods This retrospective study evaluated 38 patients with Graves' disease and 10 patients with Plummer disease. To obtain the mean CT value and volume of the thyroid gland, the entire thyroid gland was set as the region of interest. A test dose of 3.7 MBq I-131 was administered before initiating I-131 therapy, and the radioiodine uptake (RIU) rate was assessed after 3, 24, 96, and 168 h. An approximate curve was plotted based on the RIU values obtained, and the effective half-life (EHL) was calculated. The correlation between the mean CT value and the volume of the thyroid gland, 24-h RIU, EHL, and the free triiodothyronine (FT3), free thyroxine (FT4), thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), and TSH receptor antibody (TRAb) levels was evaluated.

Results The CT value exhibited a significant positive correlation with EHL in patients with Graves' disease ($r=0.62$, $p<0.0001$) as well as patients with Plummer disease ($r=0.74$, $p<0.05$). However, it did not display any correlation with the remaining parameters.

Conclusion The CT value is significantly correlated with EHL, suggesting that it reflects thyroid function and is mainly related to the factors associated with iodine discharge.

Keywords Graves · Disease · Plummer disease · CT value · Radioiodine therapy · Effective half-life · Thyroid

List of abbreviations

CT Computed tomography

EANM European association of nuclear medicine

EHL Effective half-life

FT3 Free triiodothyronine

FT4 Free thyroxine

HU Hounsfield units

I-131 Radioiodine

RIU Radioiodine uptake

TRAb TSH receptor antibody

TSH Thyroid-stimulating hormone

Introduction

Iodine is stored in the thyroid gland for the synthesis of thyroid hormones. Therefore, thyroid glands, which contain a large amount of iodine with a high atomic number, tend to exhibit a relatively high computed tomography (CT) value. The normal thyroid CT value is approximately 110 Hounsfield units (HU) [1, 2]. In contrast, the CT value of patients with Graves' disease, a form of hyperthyroidism, is lower than the normal CT value [2]. Although the CT value may reflect thyroid function [1, 3–6] the relationship between the CT value and thyroid function has not yet been

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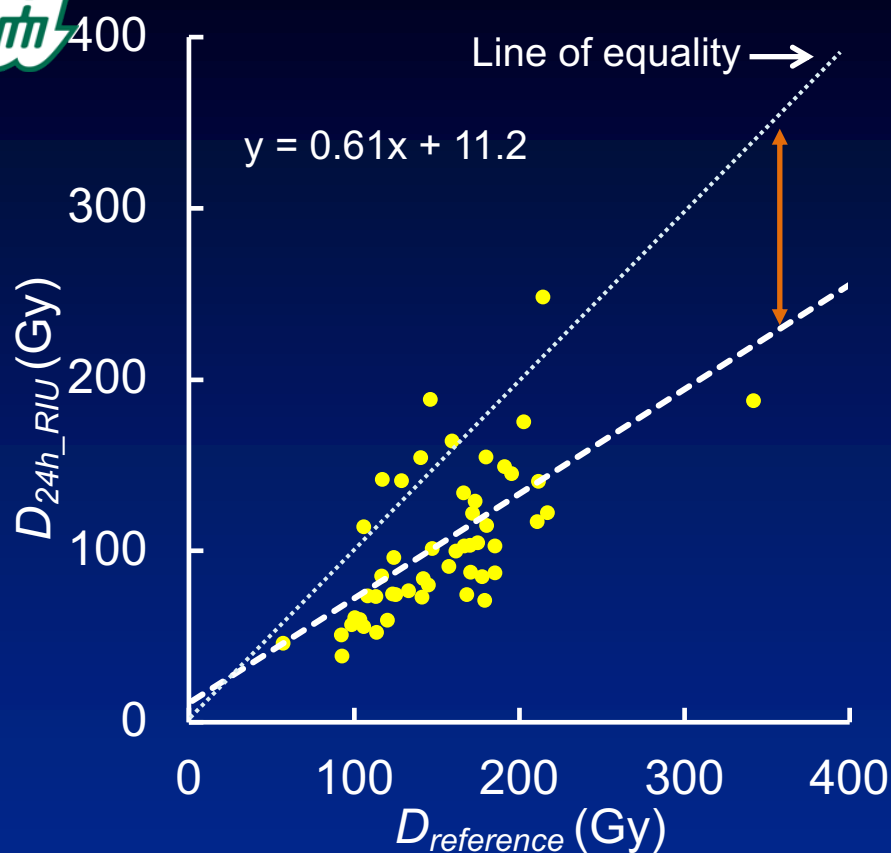
甲状腺CT値を用いたI-131内用療法の投与放射能決定法の検討

◆投与放射能決定法 (吸収線量推定法)の簡略化

- 吸収線量算出のために必要な、ヨウ素の体内動態を評価する検査は複数回の計測が必要となる。
 - 時間がかかり、煩雑である。
- 多くの施設では複数回の測定を行わず、24時間ヨウ素摂取率のみから推定吸収線量を算出している。
 - 測定点が少ないと誤差が大きくなる。

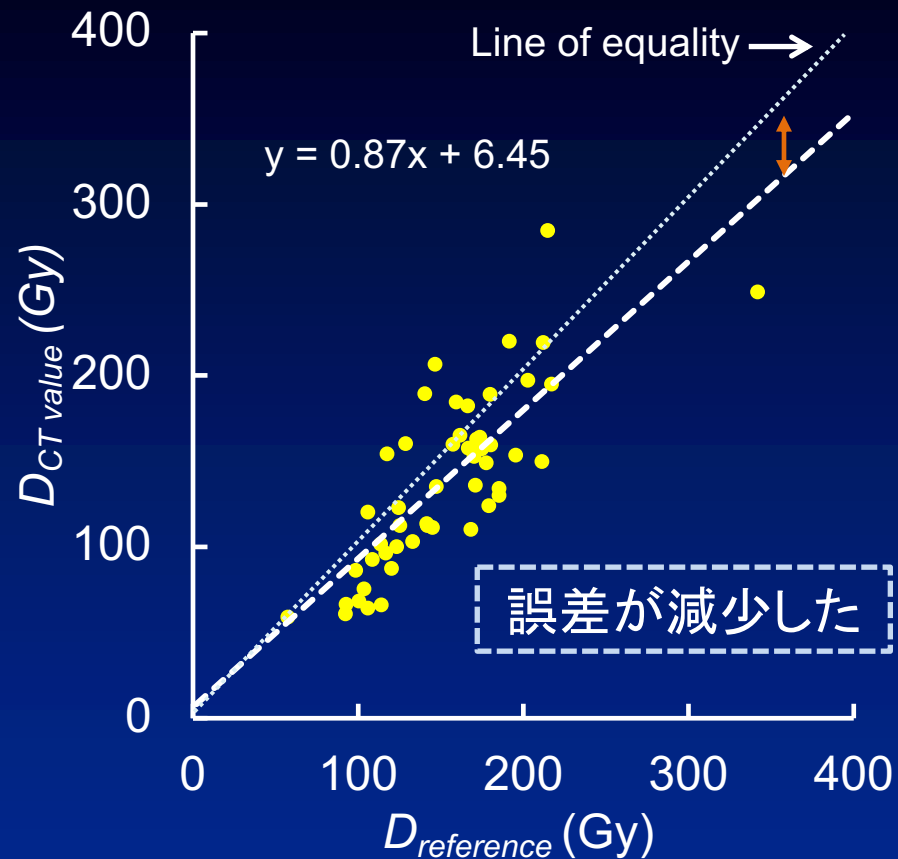
24時間ヨウ素摂取率のみを用いて吸収線量を算出する場合、甲状腺CT値を用いて吸収線量の推定精度を向上させることが可能であるかを検討した。





24時間ヨウ素摂取率のみ

D_{24h_RIU}



甲状腺CT値で補正

$D_{CTvalue}$

ヨウ素摂取率を複数回測定できない場合、甲状腺CT値を用いて吸収線量の推定精度が向上できることが示唆された。

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Predictive Factors of the Therapeutic Effect of I-131 Therapy for Hyperthyroidism

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TP32 Basic studies on measurement of ^{131}I activity using SPECT-CT

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Purpose

- We evaluate visually hot spots of scintigrams (SPECT-CT + planar) for the diagnosis of metastases and relapses of thyroid cancer after ^{131}I therapy. However, they don't always provide accurate information because image quality is not necessarily good.
- The purpose of this study is to enhance their diagnostic accuracy by analyzing the scintigrams quantitatively.

Materials and Methods

Image acquisitions

- Gamma camera and SPECT-CT (Fig.1)
- High energy collimator
- Well counter ACCUFLEX γ 7001 (Aloka)
- Image j
- Pool phantom (Fig.2-A)
- Cylindrical and spherical phantom (Fig.2-B)
- Solution of ^{131}I

Table 1 Acquisition parameters

Acquisition range	360°
Acquisition angle	6° (60views)
Matrix size	128×128
Zoom rate	×1.0
Pixel size	3.3mm
Acquisition time	240min
Acquisition orbit	non-circular
Detector motion	continuous

Table 2 Reconstruction parameters

Reconstruction	3D-OSEM	FBP
Iteration	15	
Subset	6	
Post-reconstruction filter	Gaussian (FWHM:8mm)	
CTAC, SC	+	+
Pre-reconstruction filter		Butterworth
Cutoff frequency		0.6cycles/cm
Order		8



Fig.1 Siemens Symbia-T6

Calculation of cross calibration factor (CCF)

- A solution of ^{131}I was enclosed into the pool phantom. Its SPECT-CT data were acquired and the radioactivity of the ^{131}I solution was measured by the well counter. The data acquired by SPECT-CT were reconstructed by 3D-OSEM and FBP, and attenuation and scattering corrections were made. Circular ROIs were drawn on the axial images and average counts per pixel were measured using Image J. CCF was calculated as follows ; $\text{CCF} = W/P$ (P : the average counts per pixel of the images [counts/pixel], W : the radioactivity of the ^{131}I solution measured by the well counter [cps/g]). The experiment was repeated once a week for 3 weeks.

Estimation of ^{131}I activity

- A solution of ^{131}I was enclosed into the cylindrical and spherical phantom. The methods of data acquisition, measurement of radioactivity using well counter, reconstruction, attenuation and scattering corrections, and measurement of the average counts per pixel of the images were same as in calculating CCF. Using CCF and the average counts per pixel of the images, we calculated the radioactivity of the ^{131}I solution enclosed into the cylindrical and spherical phantom, and compared them with the actually measured ^{131}I activity using the well counter. In addition, recovery coefficients (RC) for the error in the calculated values were obtained as follows ; $\text{RC} = C/M$ (C : the calculated activity [cps/g], M : the actually measured activity [cps/g]).

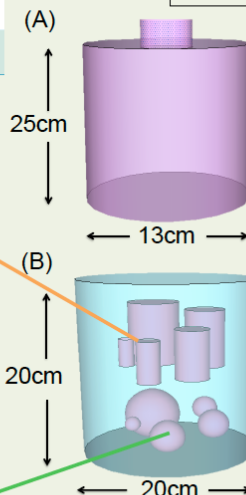
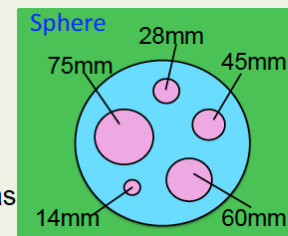
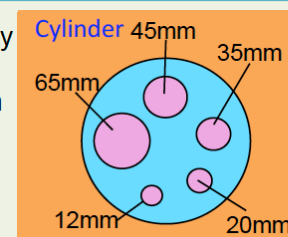


Fig.2 Pool phantom(A) and cylindrical and spherical phantom(B)

Results

Calculation of CCF

- Fig.3 shows SPECT-CT images of the pool phantom.
- The average counts per pixel of the images and the radioactivity of the ^{131}I solution measured by the well counter declined at the same rate. We acquired almost the same CCF values in 3 experiments (Fig.4).

Estimation of ^{131}I activity

- Fig.5 shows SPECT-CT images of the cylindrical and spherical phantom.
- We found that the calculated ^{131}I activities from the images tended to be less compared with the actually measured values when the size of hot spots became smaller, although the same solution of ^{131}I was enclosed into the phantoms (Fig.6). The error in the calculated activities due to the smaller size of hot spots happened almost three times more markedly than FWHM acquired at the same condition (Fig.7). We obtained the recovery coefficients and regression equations for the error in the calculated values of ^{131}I activity from the images depending on the smaller diameter of hot spots (Fig.8).

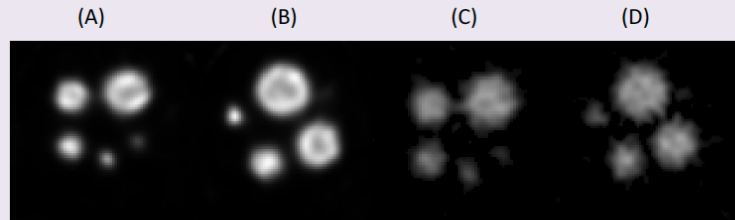


Fig.5 SPECT-CT images of the cylindrical and spherical phantom (A : cylinder/3D-OSEM, B : sphere/3D-OSEM, C : cylinder/FBP, D : sphere/FBP)

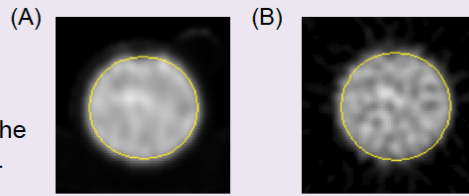


Fig.3 SPECT-CT images of the pool phantom (A:3D-OSEM, B:FBP)

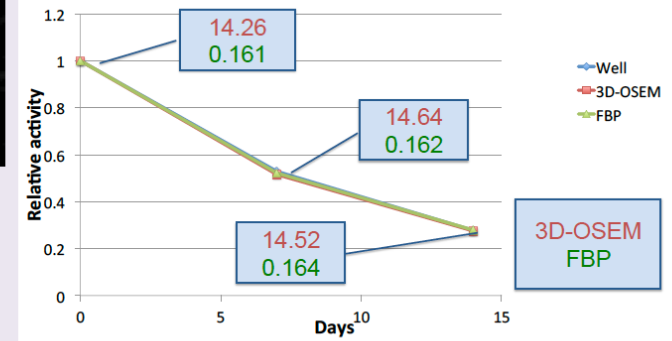


Fig.4 Decline of the average counts per pixel of the images and the radioactivity of the ^{131}I solution measured by the well counter (the values were expressed as relative ones to those of the first experiment).

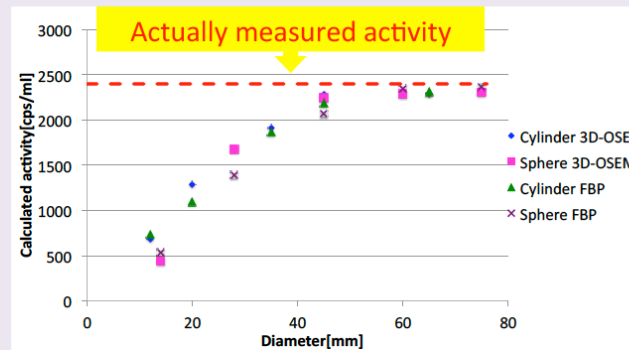


Fig.6 Relationship between the calculated values of ^{131}I activity from the images and the diameter of hot spots

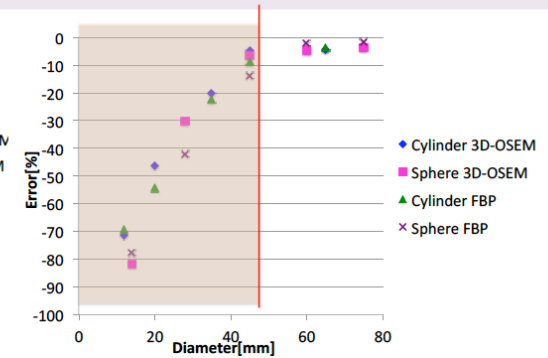


Fig.7 Relationship between the error in the calculated values of ^{131}I activity from the images and the diameter of hot spots

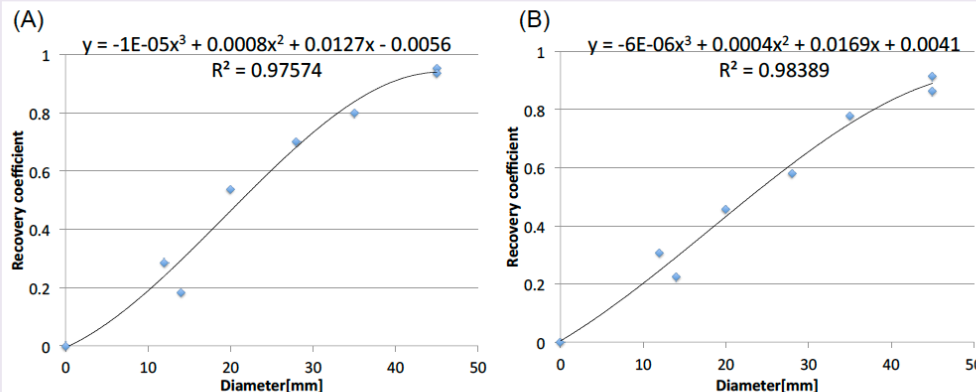


Fig.8 Relationship between the recovery coefficient for the error in the calculated values of ^{131}I activity from the images and the diameter of hot spots (A : 3D-OSEM, B : FBP)

Discussion

- We acquired CCF values which are utilizable to estimate ^{131}I activity from the average counts per pixel of the images.
- The main cause for the error in the calculated values of ^{131}I activity due to the smaller size of hot spots seems partial volume effects based on use of the high-energy collimator. Then we obtained the recovery curves and regression equations, which may be useful to correct the error in the calculated values of ^{131}I activities due to the smaller size of hot spots.

Conclusion

- The results of this study indicate that the smaller size of hot spots lessens the calculated ^{131}I activity, and that an adequate correction for the error in calculated ^{131}I activity is needed for the quantitative analysis of clinical images. We will examine whether the accurate activity can be determined from the scintigrams if the corrections are made using the recovery curves and regression equations obtained in this study.

TP020 Comparative study on recovery coefficients of SPECT-CT



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- Aim**
- Nuclear medicine imaging is ready to be affected by the partial volume effect (PVE) because of its lower spatial resolution than other modalities. Calculation of recovery coefficients (RCs) are usually conducted for assessment of the quantitativity.
 - RCs of hot spots may change due to the difference in shapes and reconstruction methods even if their volumes are the same.
 - In this study, we compared RCs of hot spots having the same volume but different shapes.

Materials and Methods

- Gamma camera and SPECT-CT
Symbia T6 (Siemens Healthcare)
Collimator: LEHR
- Well counter: ACCUFLEXy 7001 (Aloka)
- Processing and analyzing software:
Syngo MI Applications VA60A (Siemens Healthcare)
Image J (National Institutes of Health)
- Pool phantom (Fig. 1-a)
- Spherical phantom (Fig. 1-b)
- Irregularly shaped phantom (fig. 1-c, 1-d)
- Solution of Tc-99m

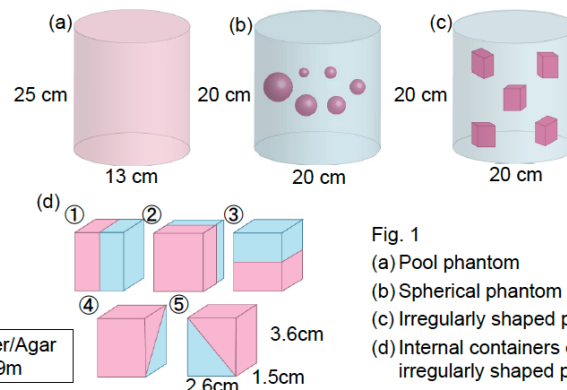


Fig. 1

- (a) Pool phantom
(b) Spherical phantom
(c) Irregularly shaped phantom
(d) Internal containers of the irregularly shaped phantom

Table 1 Acquisition parameters

Acquisition range	360°
Angular step	6° (60 views)
Energy window	142.7 keV ± 10.5%
Matrix size	128 × 128
Zoom rate	× 1.0
Voxel size	4.8 mm
Acquisition time	40 sec/view
Acquisition orbit	Non-circular
Detector motion	Continuous

Table 2 Reconstruction parameters

Reconstruction method	3D-OSEM
Subset	6
Iteration	3, 5, 7, 10, 20, 30, 40
Post-reconstruction filter	None, Gaussian (FWHM: 2~10 mm)
Attenuation correction	CTAC
Scatter correction	DEW

Image acquisition and reconstruction

A solution of Tc-99m was enclosed into the spherical and the irregularly shaped phantoms. SPECT-CT data of the phantoms were acquired and reconstructed using 3D-OSEM. Varied conditions on the subsets × iterations (SI) and FWHM of the Gaussian filter were used for the reconstruction of images. The radioactivity of the solution was measured by the well counter.

Image analysis

ROIs were drawn on the reconstructed images, and the average counts per pixel were measured. Methods for placing ROIs were (1) two-dimensional method (Fig. 2-a), and (2) three-dimensional method (Fig. 2-b). RCs were acquired in the way showing in Fig. 3. RCs of the spherical and the irregularly shaped phantoms having the same volume were compared. And differences in the RCs (D values) were obtained using following equation; D value [%] = $(RC_i - RC_s) / RC_s \times 100$ (RC_i : RC of the irregularly shaped phantom, RC_s : RC of the spherical phantom).

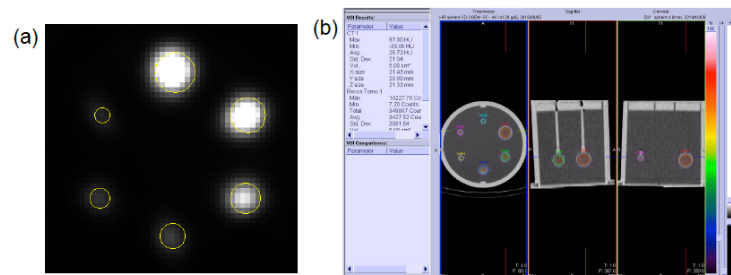


Fig. 2 (a) Two-dimensional (2D) method
(b) Three-dimensional (3D) method

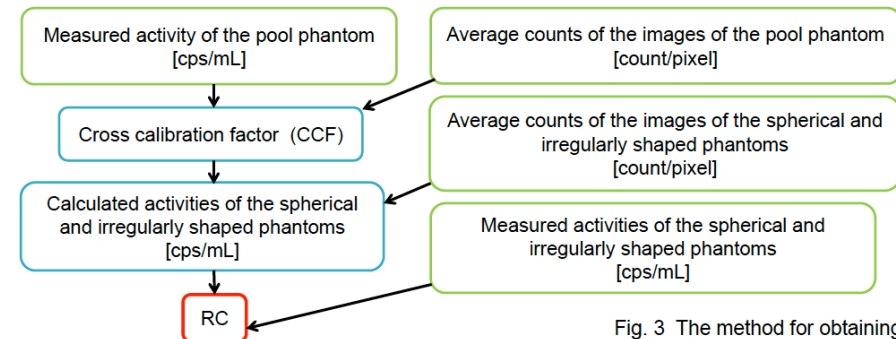


Fig. 3 The method for obtaining RCs

Results

- Figs. 4 and 5 show the relationships between the RC and the diameter of hot spots (recovery curves) obtained using the spherical phantom. Slopes of the recovery curves became gentler with an increase of the SI in both methods. On the other hand, slopes of the recovery curves became steeper with an increase of the FWHM of Gaussian filter in both methods.
- Fig. 6 shows the relationship between the D value and the SI. In both methods, absolute D values became smaller when the $SI \geq 120$.
- Fig. 7 shows the relationship between the D value and the FWHM of Gaussian filter. On the whole, absolute D values seem to be the smallest when the FWHM 6~8 mm in both methods.

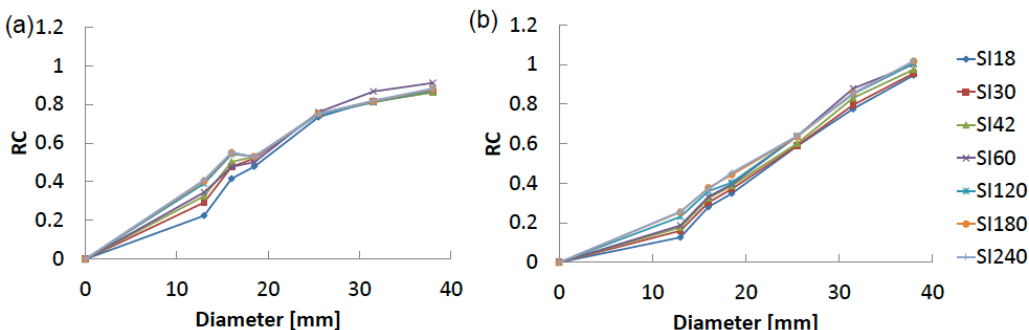


Fig. 4 Relationship between the RC and the diameter of hot spots of the spherical phantom when the FWHM of Gaussian filter was 6 mm and the SI varied (a: 2D method, b: 3D method)

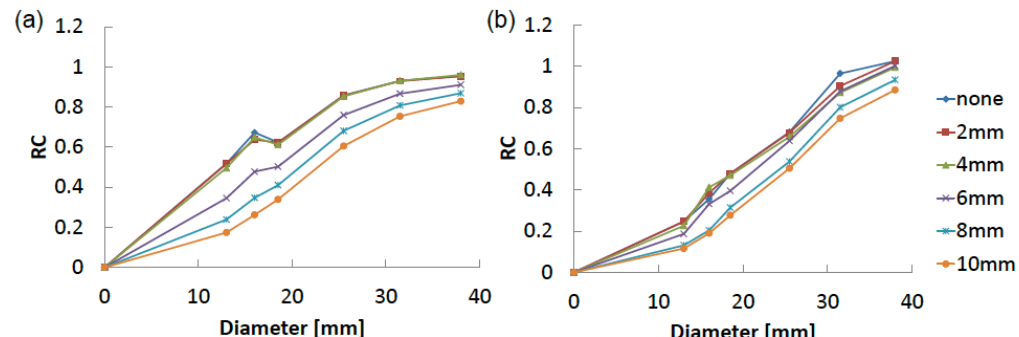


Fig. 5 Relationship between the RC and the diameter of hot spots of the spherical phantom when the SI was 60 and the FWHM of Gaussian filter varied (a: 2D method, b: 3D method)

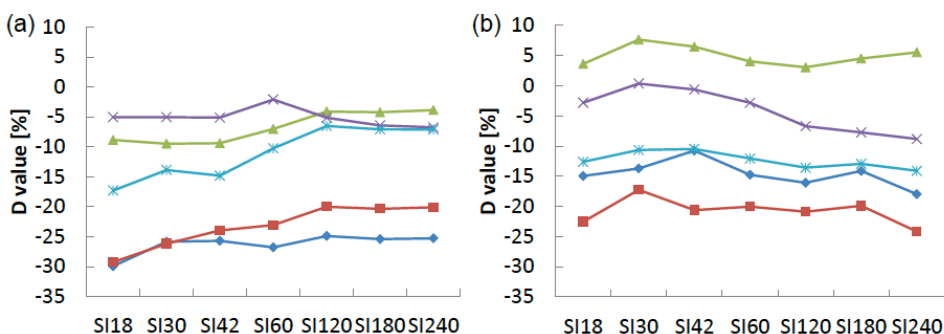


Fig. 6 Relationship between the D value and the SI when the FWHM of Gaussian filter was 6 mm (a: 2D method, b: 3D method)

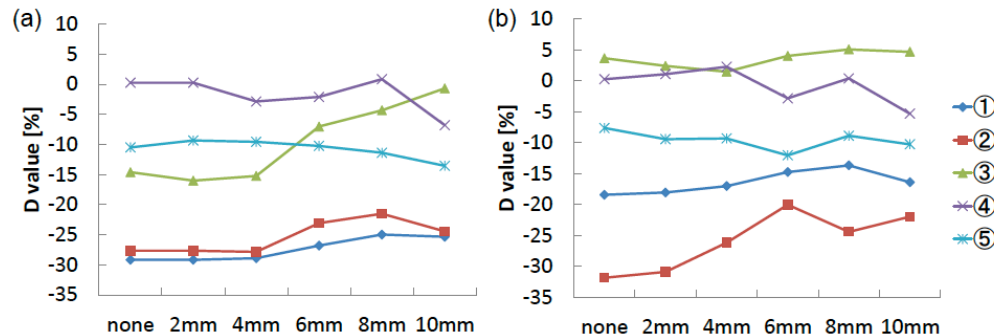


Fig. 7 Relationship between the D value and the FWHM of Gaussian filter when the SI was 60 (a: 2D method, b: 3D method)

Discussion

- The quantitativity was improved with an increase of the SI and a decrease of the FWHM of Gaussian filter (Figs. 4 and 5). The RCs tended to decrease with a decrease of cross section and side because of stronger effect of the PVE (Figs. 6 and 7).
- When we used 2D method, the D value tended to be smaller by using ≥ 120 of the SI and Gaussian filter whose FWHM was 6~8 mm. As for 3D method, the D value tended to be smaller by using 30~60 of the SI Gaussian filter whose FWHM was 6~8 mm. Considering both stability of the RCs and quantitativity, the most adequate parameters seem to be as follows; 120 or 180 of the SI and Gaussian filter whose FWHM is 6 mm in 2D method, and 60 of the SI and Gaussian filter whose FWHM is 6 mm in 3D method.
- The stability of the RCs and quantitativity were improved by using adequate parameters, although degree of the improvement was limited. The development of new analytical methods will be needed. Besides the stability and quantitativity, visual and physical image qualities are important and should also be improved.

Conclusion

We compared RCs of hot spots having the same volume but different shapes. RCs varied due to shapes of hot spots and reconstruction parameters. The stability of the RCs and quantitativity were improved by using the adequate parameters.



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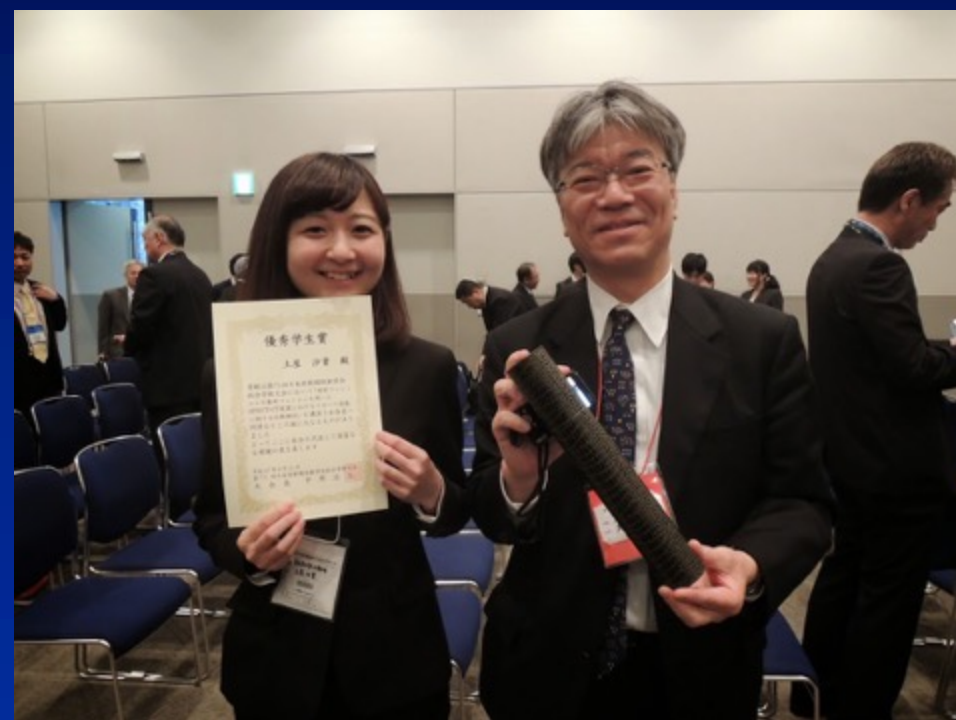
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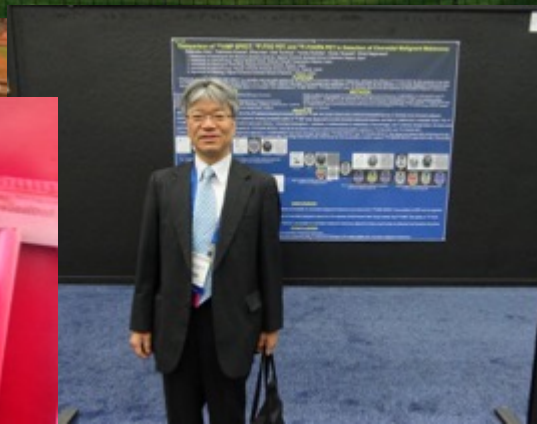
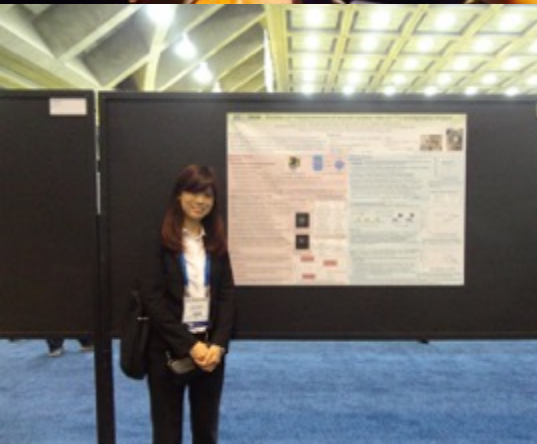
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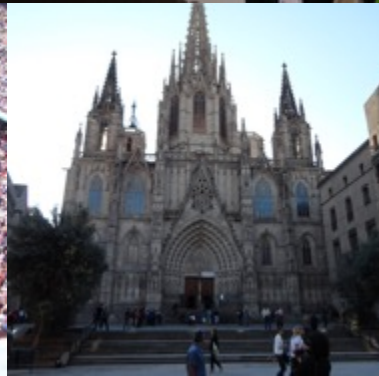
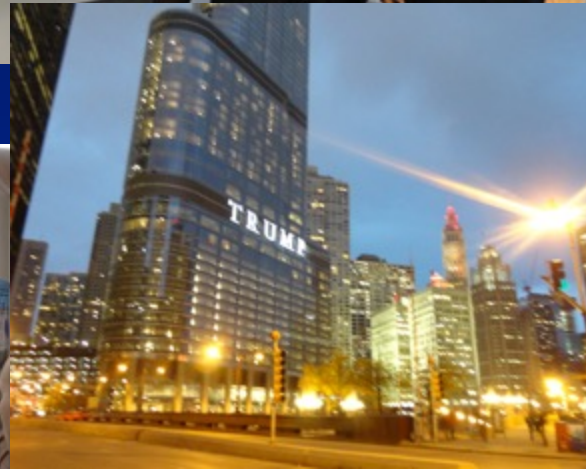
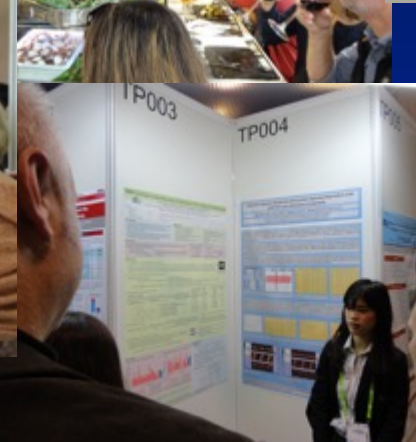
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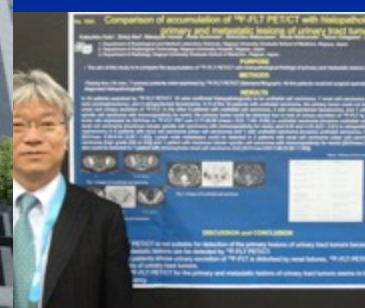
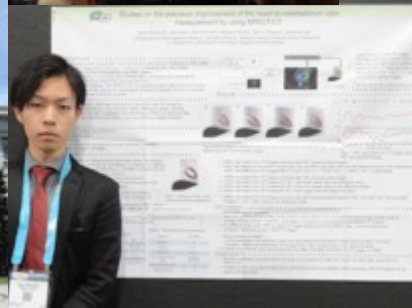
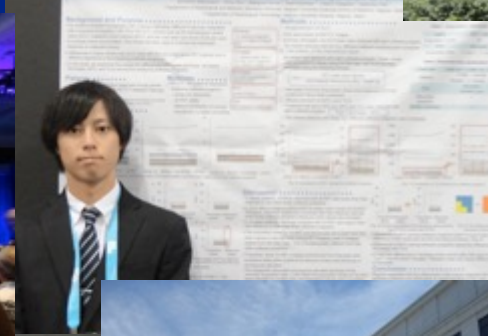
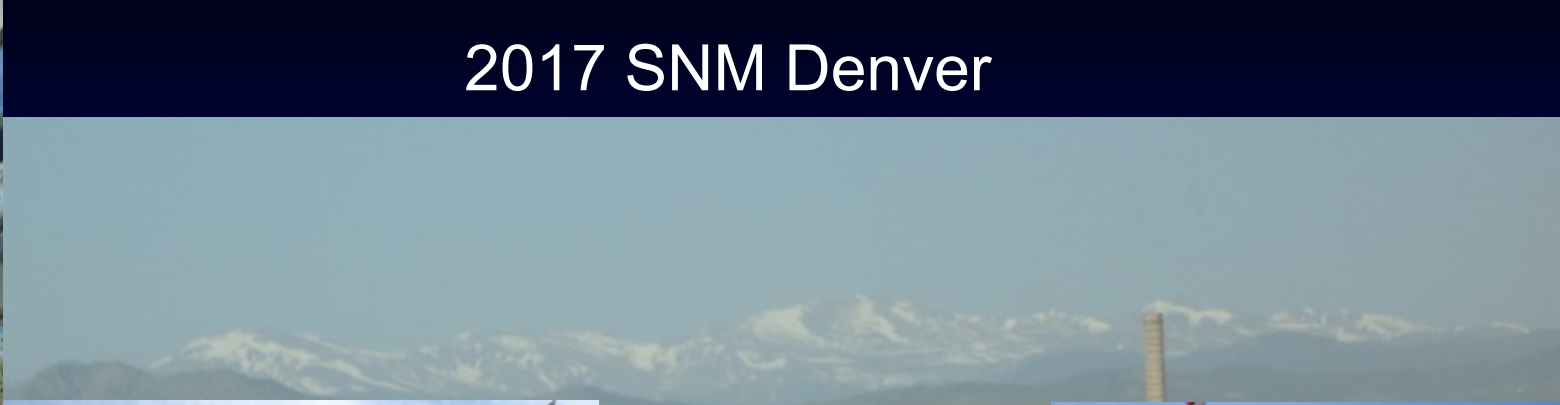


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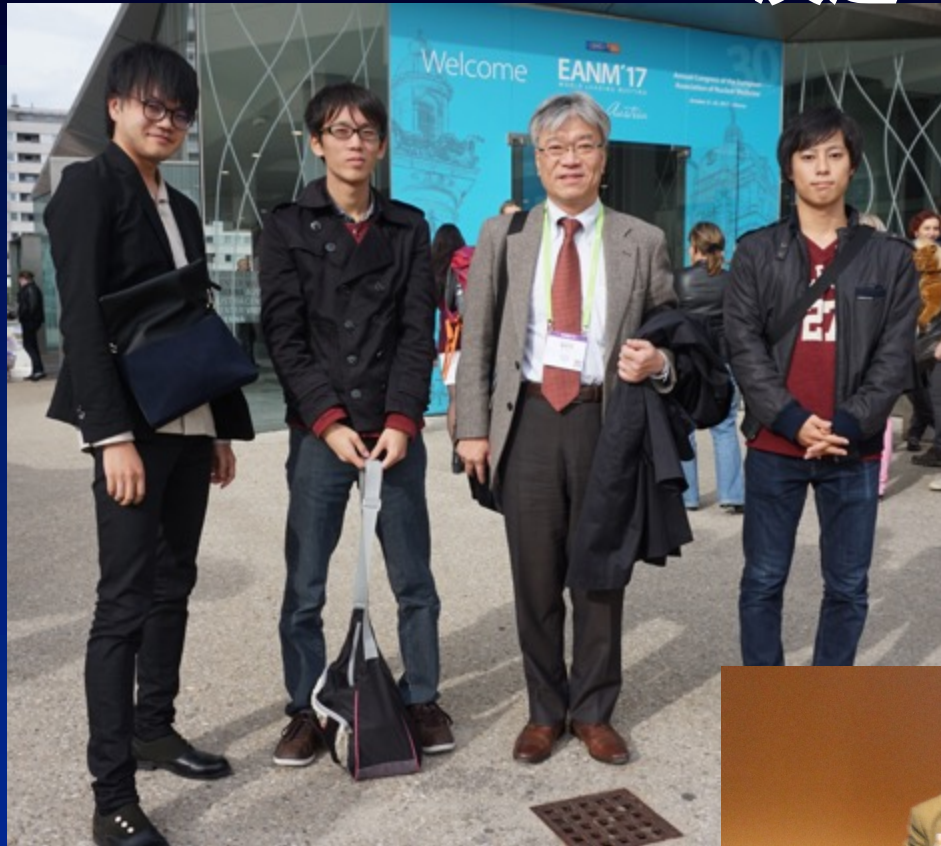
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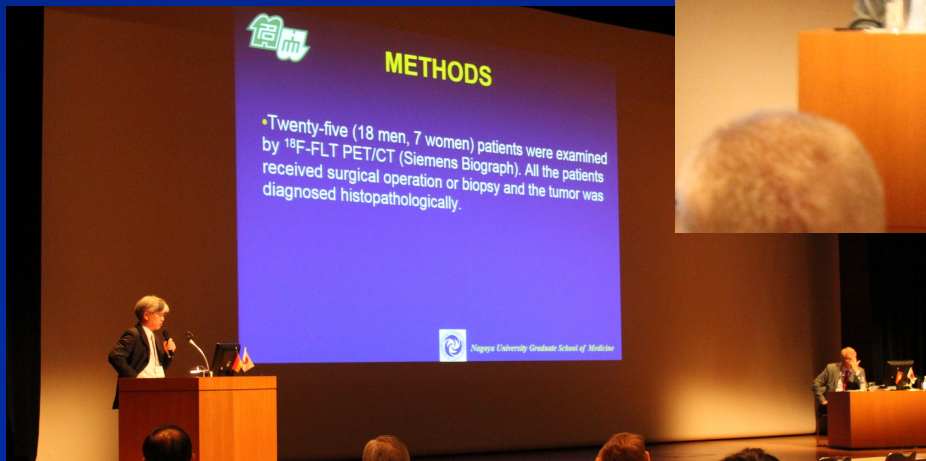
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Technical Validation of Imaging Parameters for Multicenter Study about Effect Measurement of Remnant Ablation in Patients with Differentiated Thyroid Cancer : Questionnaire Survey and Phantom Experiment

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Summary

Toward multicenter study about effect measurement of ablation in cases thyroid remnant tissue using I-131 after total thyroidectomy (remnant ablation) in Japan, obtaining clinical data has been performed. In this study, we made a survey by questionnaire on equipment and acquisition parameters used for diagnostic scintigraphy from eight hospitals that have been performed remnant ablation. And we performed a phantom study based on acquisition parameters in our hospital in order to evaluate the visually detectable activity of residual tissue. In this study, we acquired data of whole body (WB), planar, and single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) images using neck phantom with I-131 NaI capsule. According to the survey by questionnaire, the dose of I-131, intervals between ingestion and imaging, and bed speed of WB differed among eight hospitals. In the phantom study, we could detect low radioactivity of 1.66 kBq (WB, bed speed : 10 cm/min), 1.39 kBq (planar, 5 min acquisition), and 4.69 kBq (SPECT). The detectability was improved by extending the acquisition time in WB and planar imaging. Hence it is necessary to perform phantom experiment at other hospitals and standardize some imaging parameters such as bed speed of WB and acquisition time of planar imaging. And we need to examine criteria to determine whether remnant ablation succeeded from not only technical but also clinical aspect.

Key words : I-131, Thyroid, Remnant ablation, Gamma camera



Table 1 Answers of questionnaires : protocols and gamma cameras

アブレーション実施施設に対するアンケートの回答：収集プロトコルと使用機器

Institute	Isotope	Dose [MBq (mCi)]	Intervals between isotope therapy and tracer study [months]	Intervals between uptake and imaging [days]	Model name (Manufacturer)	Collimator	Thickness of scintillator [inch]
A	I-131	185 (5)	7	4	Symbia T6 (Siemens)	HE	3/8
B	I-131	370 (10)	9	3	Symbia E (TOSHIBA)	HE	3/8
C	I-131	370 (10)	3-6	1 and 3	E.CAM (TOSHIBA)/ Symbia T16 (Siemens)	HE	5/8
D	I-131	185 (5)	12	3	Infinia (GE)	HE	3/8
E	I-131	185(5)	6	5	Infinia (GE)	HE	3/8
F	I-123	18.5 (0.5)	6	1	SKYLLight (Philips)	LEGP	3/8
G	None	—	—	—	—	—	—
H	None	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table 2 Answers of questionnaires : acquisition parameters

アブレーション実施施設に対するアンケートの回答：収集条件

Institute	WB			Planar			SPECT
	Matrix	Magnification	Bed speed [cm/min]	Matrix	Magnification	Acquisition time [sec]	
A	256 × 1,024	1.00	15	—	—	—	○
B	256 × 1,024	1.00	15	128 × 128	1.00	600	○
C	256 × 1,024	1.00	8	—	—	—	○
D	256 × 1,024	1.00	8	—	—	—	○
E	256 × 768	1.00	5	—	—	—	○
F	512 × 1,024	1.00	7	—	—	—	×
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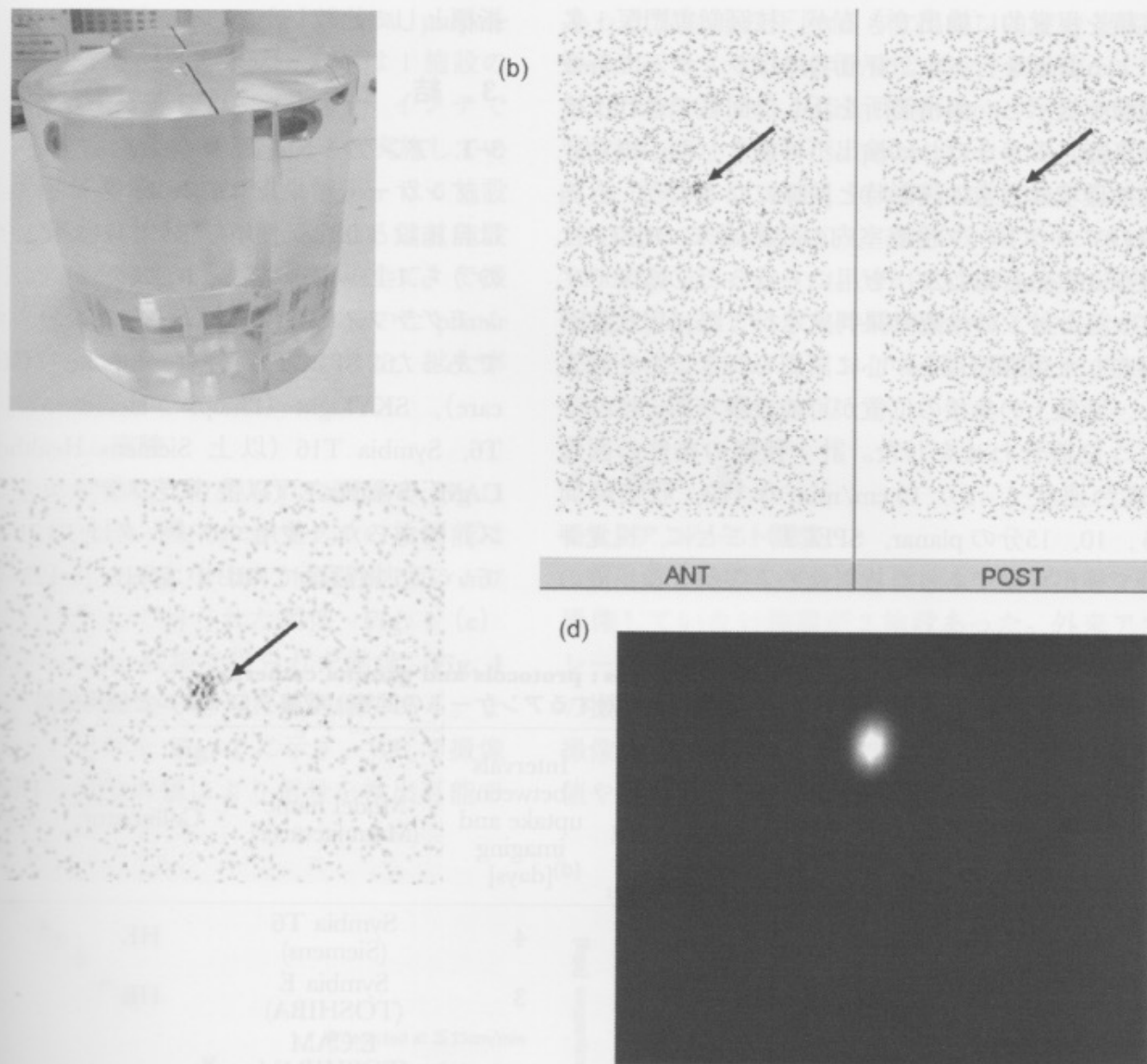


Fig. 1 Neck phantom (a: structure of the phantom, b: WB, c: planar, d: SPECT)
 頸部ファントム (a: ファントム写真, b: WB 像, c: プラナー像, d: SPECT 像)

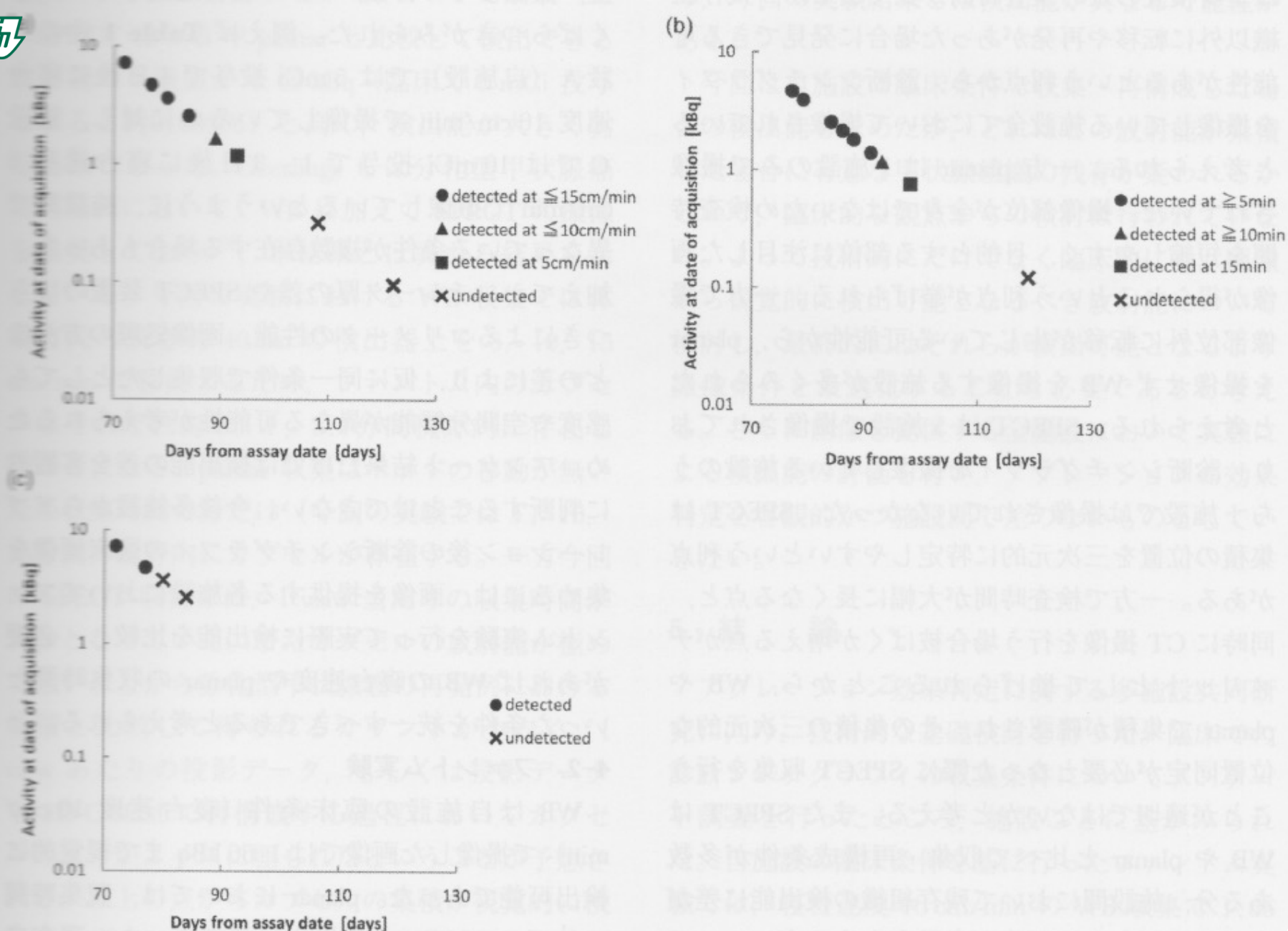


Fig. 2 Results of visual evaluation (a : WB, b : planar, c : SPECT)

視覚評価の結果 (a : WB, b : プラナー像, c : SPECT)



ソマトスタチン受容体シンチグラフィにおけるファントムを用いた撮像条件の基礎的検討

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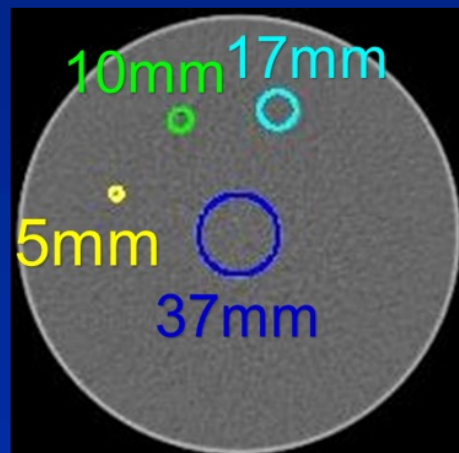


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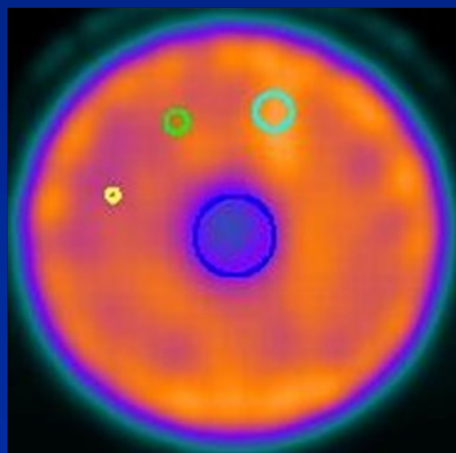
撮像条件



	エネルギー ウィンドウ幅 (%)	サブウィ ンドウ幅 (%)	ピクセル サイズ (mm)	散乱減弱 補正
A1	± 7.5	5	3.3	○
A2	± 7.5	5	3.3	×
B	± 7.5	5	4.8	○
C	± 7.5	3	3.3	○
D	± 10	5	3.3	○
E	± 10	5	4.8	○



CT画像



SPECT画像

5つの指標

- ① Scatter Ratio (SR): 散乱成分の割合

$$SR = \frac{\text{水部分ROIの平均値}}{\text{B.G.ROIの平均値}} \times 100 [\%]$$

- ② Coefficient of Variation (CV): 変動係数

$$CV = \frac{\text{B.G.ROIの標準偏差}}{\text{B.G.ROIの平均値}} \times 100 [\%]$$

- ③ Recovery Coefficient (RC): リカバリー係数

$$RC = \frac{C_j}{C_{28mm}}$$

j は各球の大きさ、 C_j は各球のROI内の最大値
 C_{28mm} は28mm径でのROI内の最大値

$$RC = \sum (1 - RC_j)$$

- ④コントラスト

$$\text{コントラスト} = \frac{\text{各球の平均カウント} - \text{B.G.の平均カウント}}{\text{各球の平均カウント}}$$

- ⑤ Contrast Noise Ratio (CNR): コントラストノイズ比

$$CNR = \frac{\text{各球の平均カウント} - \text{B.G.の平均カウント}}{\text{B.G.の標準偏差}}$$

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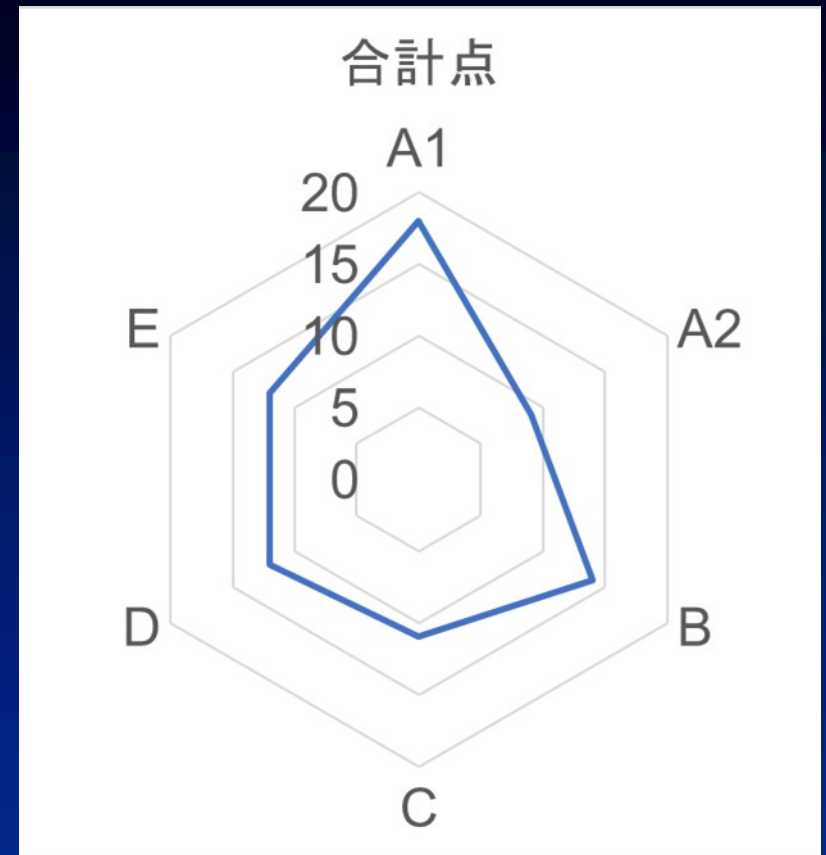
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結果

5つの指標を順位に応じて
スコアリングし、
合計点で総合的に
評価した。

1位→5点	4位→2点
2位→4点	5位→1点
3位→3点	6位→0点



ソマトスタチン受容体シンチグラフィの撮像条件は、
メインウィンドウ幅±7.5%、サブウィンドウ幅5%、
ピクセルサイズ3.3mmが適切であると考えられる。



in analysis software for PET/CT using digital phantoms

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Purpose

For PET/CT, in indices such as standardized uptake value (SUV) and metabolic tumor volume (MTV) may occur even with the use of the same PET scanner because different algorithms are used in different analysis software programs.

In this study, we examined the causes for differences among 6 analysis software programs using digital phantoms.

Methods

The first type of phantom was used to examine the influence of the slice thickness change on SUV and MTV.

Each slice consisted of twenty-five 4mm × 4mm pixels, each with the same values given in SUV. (Fig. 1) Eight rectangular phantoms were then made by increasing the slice thickness from 1 mm to 8 mm. (Fig. 2)

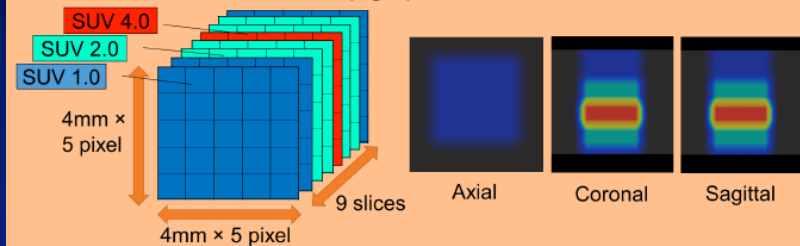


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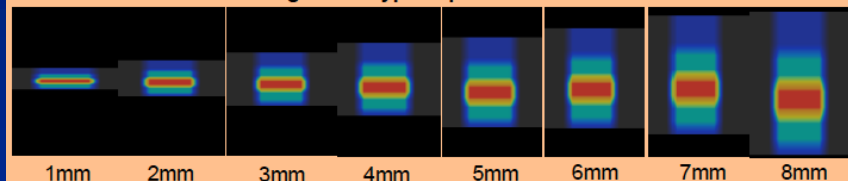


Fig.2 Eight kinds of phantoms

The second type of phantom was used to examine the measurement accuracy of the SUV peak. Voxels had dimensions 4mm × 4mm × 4mm. A red voxel indicated an SUV scale value of 5.0. A yellow cube indicated an SUV scale value of 4.0. Blue rectangular areas indicated SUV scale values of 1.0.

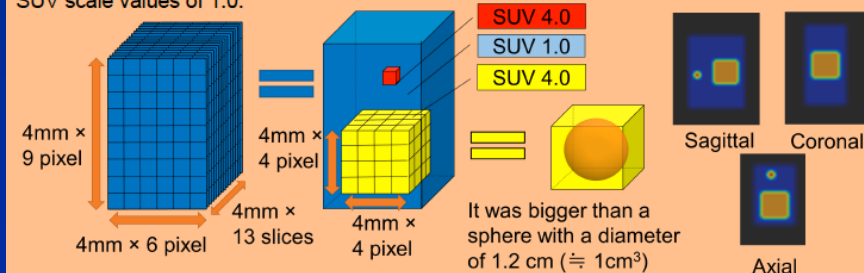


Fig.3 Second type of phantom

Materials

Analysis software programs

- Metavol (v.1, Hokkaido University + University of California, Los Angeles)
- GI-PET (AZE Virtual Place Hayabusa ver 6.0, AZE, Japan)
- FUSION Plus (ver 4.11.1.0j, J-MAC SYSTEM, Japan)
- syngo.via (VB20a, Siemens)
- PMOD (version 3.9, PMOD)
- Advantage Workstation (Volume Share 5, GE)

Results

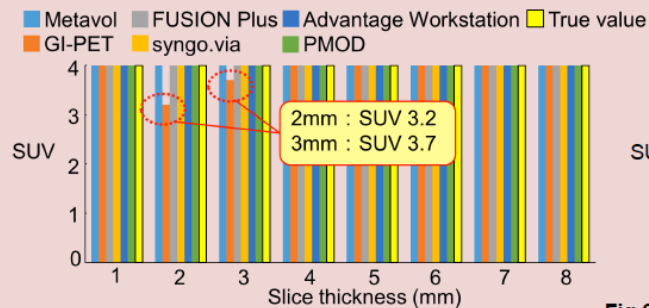


Fig.4 Comparison of SUVmax between 6 software programs

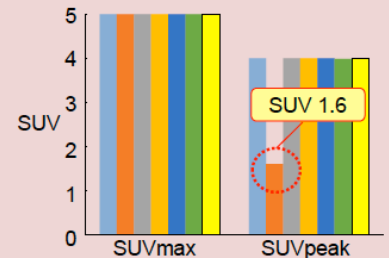


Fig.6 Comparison of SUVmax and SUVpeak between 6 software programs

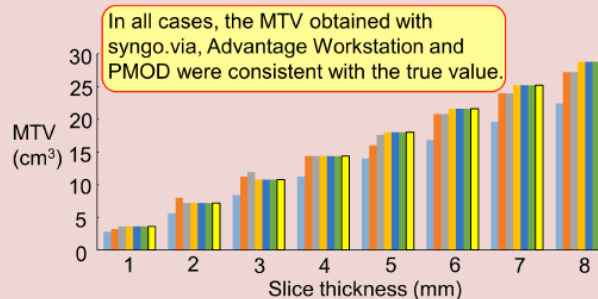


Fig.5 Comparison of MTV between 5 software programs

When slice thickness was 2 or 3 mm, SUVmax obtained with GI-PET was lower than the true value.

In all cases, the MTV obtained with syngo.via, Advantage Workstation and PMOD were consistent with the true value. Using other software programs, however, some of the MTV obtained were not consistent with the true value.

SUVpeak obtained with GI-PET was lower than the true value.

Discussion

As a new slice was made by piling slices to make cubic voxels for GI-PET, voxel values were averaged. Therefore, the SUVmax value was lower than the true value.

Differences in MTV among GI-PET, FUSION Plus and the true value seem to occur due to using different voxels. Differences in MTV between Metavol and the true value seem to occur due to the fact that Metavol could not measure the outermost data.

In GI-PET, SUVpeak was defined as "the average value in 1-cm³ sphere centered on the pixel showing the maximum value." Difference in SUVpeak seemed due to difference in the definition of SUVpeak.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the differences in the indices obtained with the 6 software programs are attributable to varied handling of PET slice thicknesses and the definition of SUVpeak.



1841 Influence of scatter correction on measurement of the heart-to-mediastinum ratio by SPECT-CT

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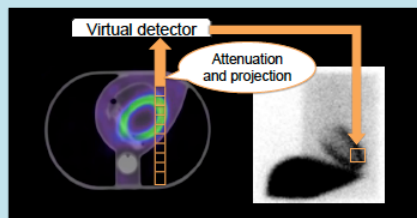
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Background

- In the myocardium sympathetic nerve scintigraphy, the heart-to-mediastinum ratio (HMR) is used for diagnosis of Parkinson's disease and dementia with Lewy bodies.
- HMR is an indicator of myocardial I-123 MIBG uptake.
- It is difficult to accurately quantify HMR because of the presence of 529 keV scatter component from I-123 MIBG.
- Using the SPECT-CT data, it is possible to quantify the HMR measurement by making synthetic planar images (SP images).



(Fig. 1) How to make SP images.
We used the attenuation map for SPECT images and acquired SP images by attenuating and forward projecting the count per pixel.

The method of scatter correction for removing scatter component by setting multiple energy window.

- I-123 Dual Window (IDW) method
 - Remove 524 keV scatter component of I-123 MIBG, and improve the fluctuation of quantitative value.
- Triple Energy Window (TEW) method
 - It is available for nuclide with multiple energy windows, and possible to set the energy window easily. An image with good contrast can be obtained.

Purpose

- We compared the HMRs calculated from SP images and planar images with or without scatter correction. We investigated the influence of scatter correction on HMR calculated from SP images.

Materials

- Gamma camera and SPECT-CT: Symbia T (SIEMENS)
- Collimator: Low medium energy general purpose collimator (LMEGP)
- Phantom: HL phantom (KYOTO KAGAKU Co., Ltd.)
- Radioisotope: I-123 MIBG

Methods

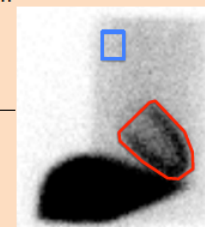
- We defined the radioactivity concentrations as shown below, and enclosed I-123 MIBG solutions into the respective areas of the torso phantom.
 - myocardium: 38.7 kBq/ml, mediastinum: 2.54 kBq/ml, right lung: 24.8 kBq/ml, left lung: 19.2 kBq/ml, liver: 18.3 kBq/ml
- Planar images were acquired with scatter correction using two kinds of methods (IDW, TEW).

- Using planar images, we calculated HMR from the mean count of the myocardium and mediastinum by setting ROI.
- SPECT images were reconstructed using 360° data and 180° data from each projection angles with or without SC.

Planar			SPECT-CT			
Matrix size	256×256	Acquisition range	360°	Method	3D-OSEM	
Pixel size	1.35 mm	Angular step	3°(60 view)	Iteration	12	
zoom	1.78	Matrix size	128×128	Subset	6	
Acquisition time	5 min	zoom	1.23	Pixel size	4.8 mm	
SC	IDW TEW	Acquisition time	30 min	Post - reconstruction filter	Gaussian (9.6 mm)	
		Detector motion	Continuous	Attenuation correction (CTAC)	+ +	
		Acquisition orbit	Non-circular	Scatter correction (SC)	+ -	

Table1. Parameters for data acquisition

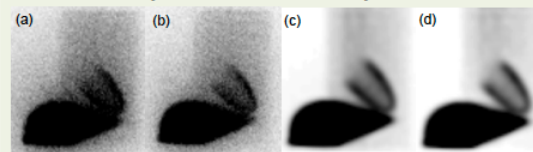
Table2. Parameters for reconstruction



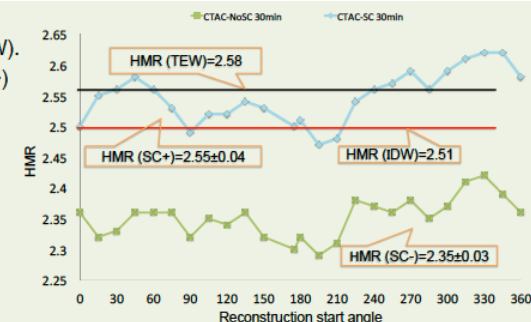
(Fig.2) Setting ROI

Results

- HMR calculated from planar images were 2.51(IDW), 2.58(TEW).
- HMR calculated from SP images were 2.36(SC-) and 2.58(SC+)
- HMR measured from SP images (SC+) were close to the HMR measured from planar image (TEW), and SP images (SC+) made myocardium clear visually.



(Fig.3) Planar images with SC (IDW (a), TEW (b)) and SP images with SC (c), without SC (d).



(Fig. 4) The result of HMRs calculated from SP images gained from 180° reconstruction images.

Discussion

- HMR measured from SP images (SC+) were close to the HMR measured from planar image (TEW)
 - In SPECT-CT, scatter correction is performed by setting multiple energy windows, estimating and removing scatter components.

The effect of scatter correction was high, and the boundary of myocardium was clear.

- The change of HMR measured from SP images when the reconstruction start angle is changed.

SC-	360° reconstruction : HMR = 2.36
	180° reconstruction : HMR = 2.35±0.03
SC+	360° reconstruction : HMR = 2.58
	180° reconstruction : HMR = 2.55±0.04

- The value of HMR depends on the reconstruction start angle.

It suggested that reconstruction angles are appropriate starting from close to the heart.

Conclusion

- In this study, we investigated the influence of scatter correction on HMR calculated from SP images.
- By using SP images (SC+), the quantitative of HMR measurement is improved.
- Further analyses with clinical data will be needed.

タンゲステン機能紙を用いた核医学画像フィルタ の基礎実験 ～ ^{123}I におけるファントムの評価～

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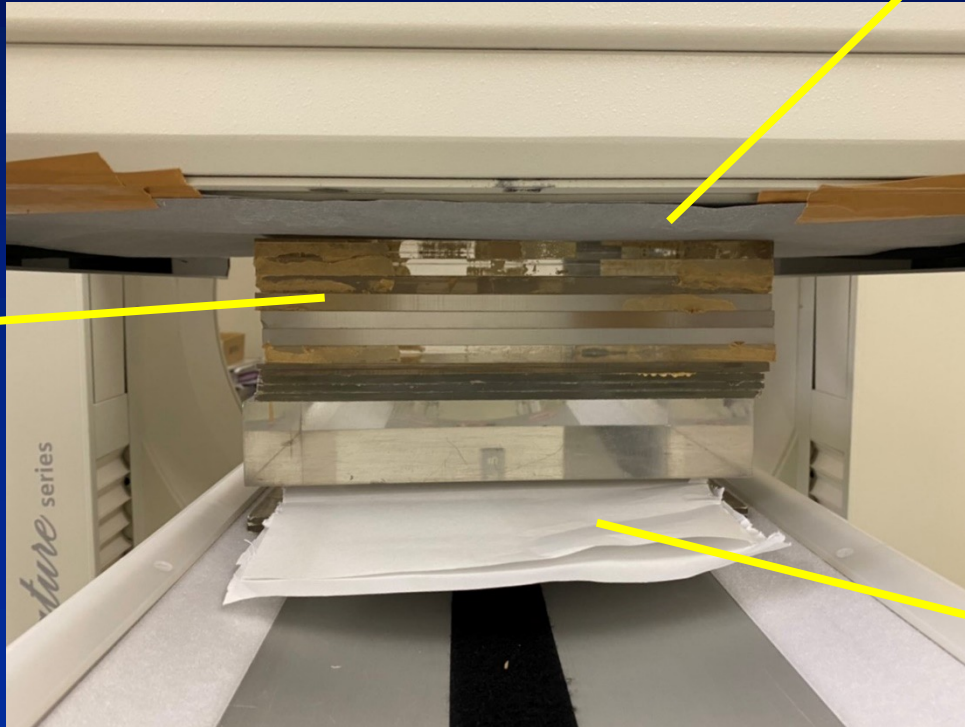
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方法：配置方法

タングステン機能紙

アクリル板



ファントム

^{123}I -MIBGシンチグラフィにおける H/M比を得る新規解析手法 ～3次元数値ファントムによる検証～

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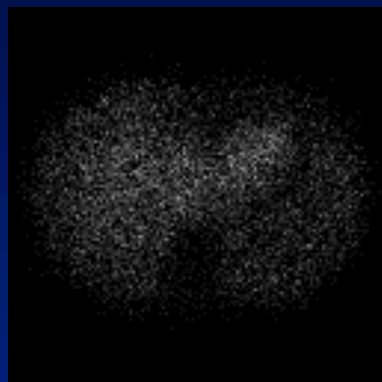
方法

正解画像

各領域の集積量

縦隔:1.00
両肺:3.29
心臓:7.51
肝臓:6.74

H/M比:7.5



画像類似度指標を用いて、
最も正解画像に類似する代入画像を抽出

各領域に仮の集積量を代入

代入画像



各領域の集積量

縦隔:a
両肺:b
心臓:c
肝臓:d



H/M比が
算出できる!



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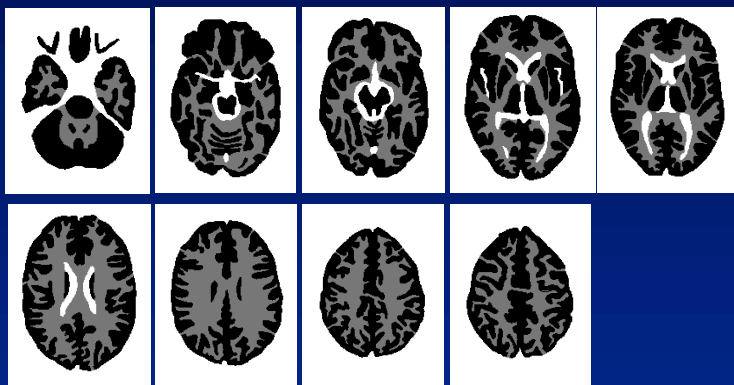
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作成方法

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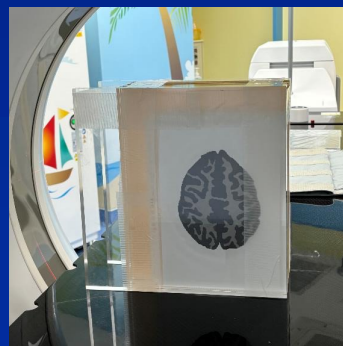


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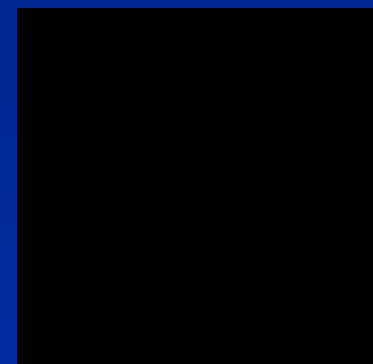


インクジェットプリンタ
(RI+黒インク)で印刷する

(3) PET用ペーパーファントムを作成する



(4) PET収集を行う



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- 服部汐里 ドパミントランスポータシンチグラフィの視覚評価の正当性に関する研究
- 本田将之 脳タウイメージング撮像における視野外からの散乱線の影響



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- ・ 村山里奈 心サルコイドーシス ^{18}F -FDG PET検査における病変部位検出のための至適閾値に関する基礎的検討
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- ・ 越智優佳 慢性血栓塞栓性肺高血圧症における $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MAA SPECT-CTを用いた肺灌流指数と右心カテーテル検査から得られる各種評価指標との関係の検討
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- ・ 令和2年度
- ・ 大原千乃 頸部X線CT画像から得られた甲状腺重量の計測者間比較
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- ・ 樋口真帆 骨密度及び年齢が ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT及び ^{18}F -FDG PET/CTにおける正常骨のstandardized uptake valueに与える影響
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- ・ 大工凌矢 肺血流シンチグラフィにおける肺血流領域決定のための至適閾値の検討
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- ・ 磯邊亮太 ^{123}I -MIBGシンチグラフィにおけるH/M比を得るための逐次近似を用いた新規解析手法の検討
- ・ 高井春風 ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT及び ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT画像で肋骨の転移性骨腫瘍を鑑別できるか？
- ・ 増井里紗 ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT画像による肺癌の縦隔リンパ節転移評価に有効な客観的指標の検討
- ・ 令和5年度
- ・ 稲垣朝也 ^{11}C -PiB PET検査における年齢とSUVRの関係の検討
- ・ 清瀬裕也 肺高血圧症における $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MAA planar画像と $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -MAA SPECT画像の集積分布の比較
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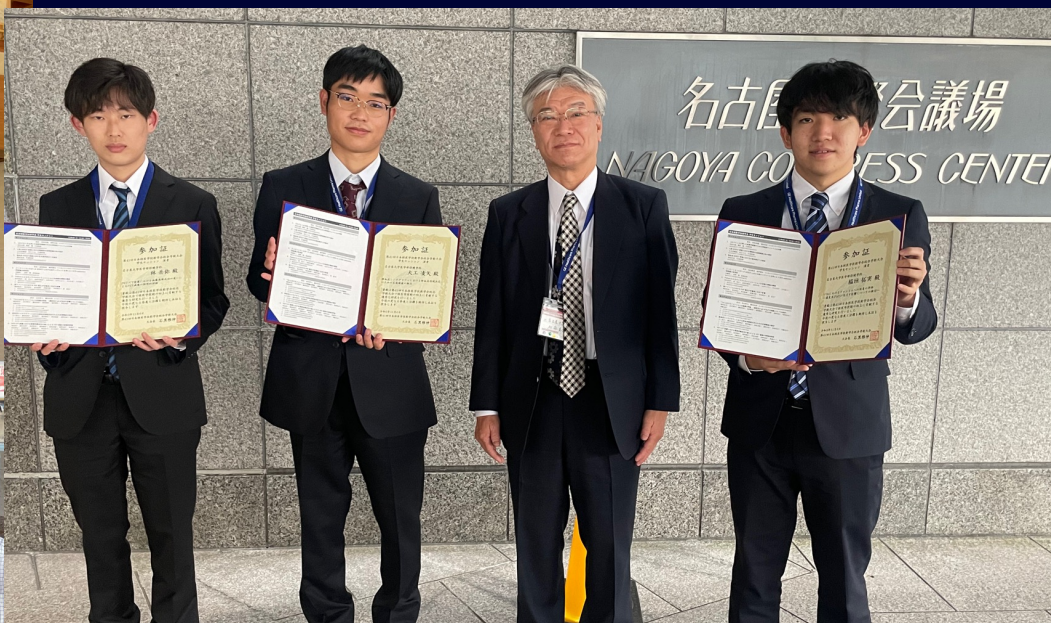
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- 本田将之 [^{18}F]THK-5351を用いる脳PETタウイメージング検査において脳以外の高集積部位からの放射線がstandardized uptake valueに与える影響に関する研究
- 松澤伸一郎 PET解析ソフトウェアの違いがstandardized uptake value、metabolic tumor volume、total lesion glycolysisへ与える影響に関する研究
- 棕本竜斗 ^{123}I -MIBGを用いた心筋交感神経シンチグラフィ検査におけるSPECT-CTデータを利用した心縦隔比計測精度の向上に関する研究
- 長谷川千夏 骨転移に対するRI内用療法の治療効果判定：骨SPECT, ^{18}F -fluoride PET/CT, ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT画像から測定した半定量的指標の比較
- 伊藤良典 ドーパミントランスポータSPECTにおける新規解析手法の有用性の検討ー類似画像探索による集積量の決定ー
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- 池田陽菜 甲状腺機能亢進症に対する放射性ヨウ素内用療法の治療反応性予測と投与放射能・吸収線量決定法に関する研究
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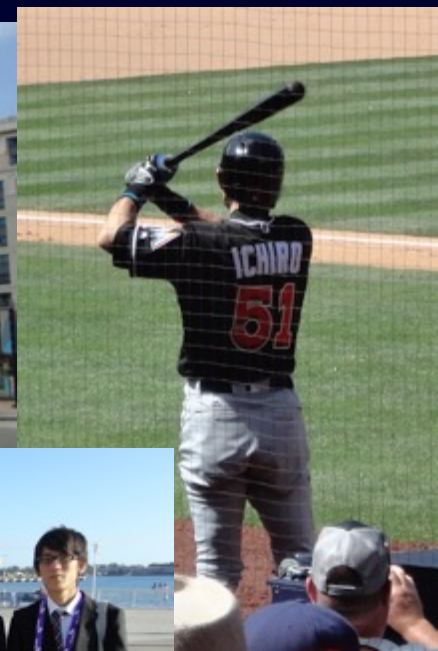
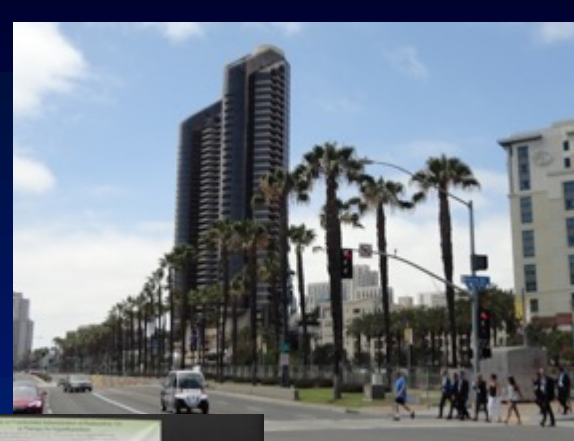




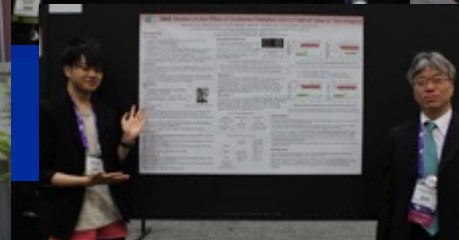
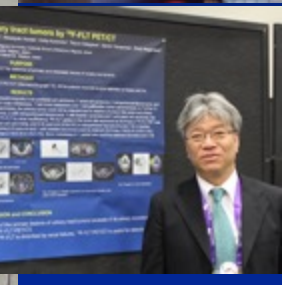
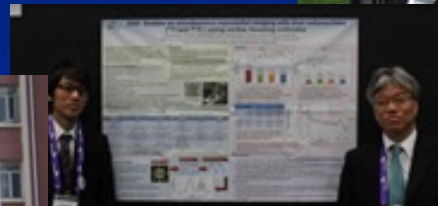
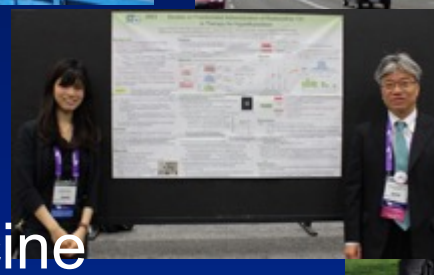
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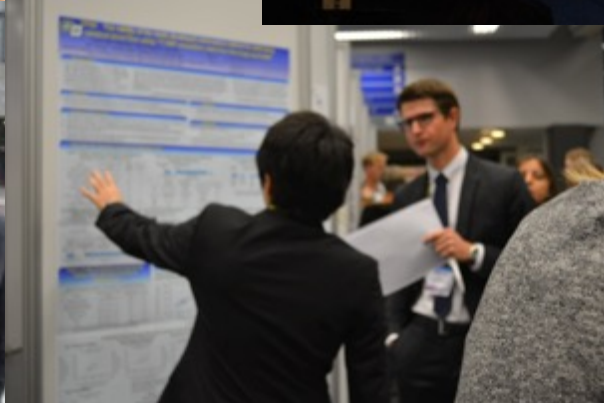
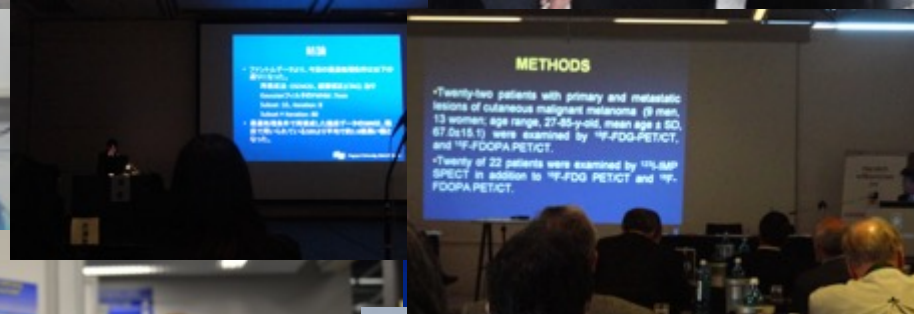


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